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Each day offers a new beginning to explore, learn and experience.

Abilene High School

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Abilene had it all—school days and every night fever. Yet where to find these sometimes remained a mystery.

Discos, clubs, drive-ins, walk-ins, concerts, curfews, rules and religion co-existed simultaneously in the changing community of Abilene. The newly acquired wetness brought new possibilities and escape from circling Mac Eplens or the Sonic. So as students sat listening to lectures, every night fever momentarily existed as school prevailed.

Yet with zero period class, homework, and finals, students found contentment in the rituals of school, in the companionship of friends and in agreement that Abilene High had it all.

Masses

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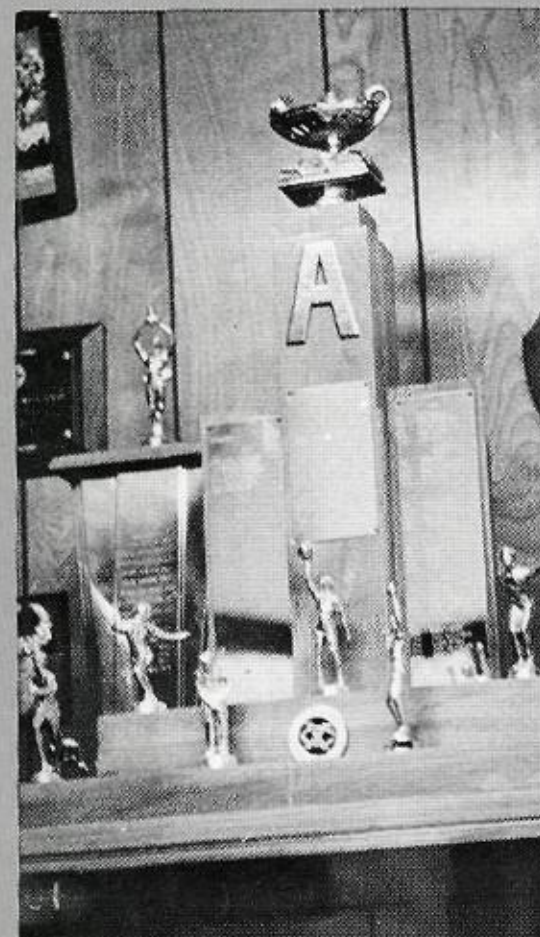


Masses, consisting of ordinary personalities, combined to make up the 1,825 students attending Abilene High during the 1978-'79 school year.

Dominating the student body at AHS, the sophomore class with a surmounting 757 students made up 41.4 percent of those enrolled. Capturing the distinction of the middle-man was ironically, the junior class with 607 students making up this part of the student body. In the role of the leading class, the senior class placed a mere third in population with 25.2 percent or 461 students of the inhabitants at Abilene High.

Athletics

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From balls to beams, courts to pools, training to pain, the athletes of Abilene High continued to astonish fans as they made the news.

Cheering for the winners or the losers symbolizing the effort that went into the training for the anxiously awaited moment. Needless to say, life for the athletes was a demanding one.

The spring trainings, summer sessions, camps and the never ending pains brought AHS into the spotlight with the always present anticipation of fame.

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Known as the basic function of Abilene High, knowledge was distributed as often as possible. Students and teachers worked simultaneously in an attempt to exchange the facts and figures necessary for a place in society.

Yet knowledge was obtained with the assistance of classroom and clubs activities that saturated the campus of Abilene High. Both leadership and friendship were obtained through student involvement in clubs.

Through the interaction of clubs with classes, insight into knowledge necessary for life was obtained.

Merchants which formed the business community of Abilene supplied students with ways to spend the sought after bill of life—money.

After all the shoving, pushing and money had vanished and the calm of the storm had reappeared, purchases were evaluated and satisfaction was apparent.

The merchants of Abilene did indeed offer variety and satisfaction to the population of Abilene, Texas.

Accomplishments attained throughout the year at Abilene High and the students who made them were acclaimed in many ways. The diversity found among the activities and classes provided unforgettable experiences for students and faculty.

Students grasp to the comprehension of past circles of existence

"Life is like a piano; what you get out of it depends on how you play it." Statements of life's philosophy challenged many Abilene High students into questioning values, seeking answers and obtaining knowledge. Through the school newspaper, *The Battery*, various suggestion boxes and an occasional letter in the *Abilene Reporter-News*, students voiced their opinions in an attempt to understand their place in society.

Similarly in the game recognized as life, birth represented the beginning of the grasp to understand a world full of enthusiasm and vigor. Through explorations of school news obtainable from *The Battery*, and the yearbook *The Flashlight*, AHS debates, Stenholm-Fisher debates, and the *Abilene Reporter-News*, came the beginning of the circle of life. Starting at the bottom of school, as at birth, advancement was made until the climax of graduation from the sixth grade. Students struggled through until they reached the ninth grade where the magical mystical high school years began in and around junior highs throughout Abilene. Repeating the process of the circle, they once again started over at the bottom hoping to edge their way up.

As Abilene High sophomores, they accepted the ridicule and amusement often shown towards the lowest part of the high school circle. Next came the procession into the junior class, a step in the right direction but not quite climatic. Finally *the* year arrived, the senior year. Billed to contain the best times of life, the famous senior prom, trip, baccalaureate, and graduation, the senior year encompassed all of life. It was the utopia of school life as the ruling class of Abilene High and yet the end of another circle.

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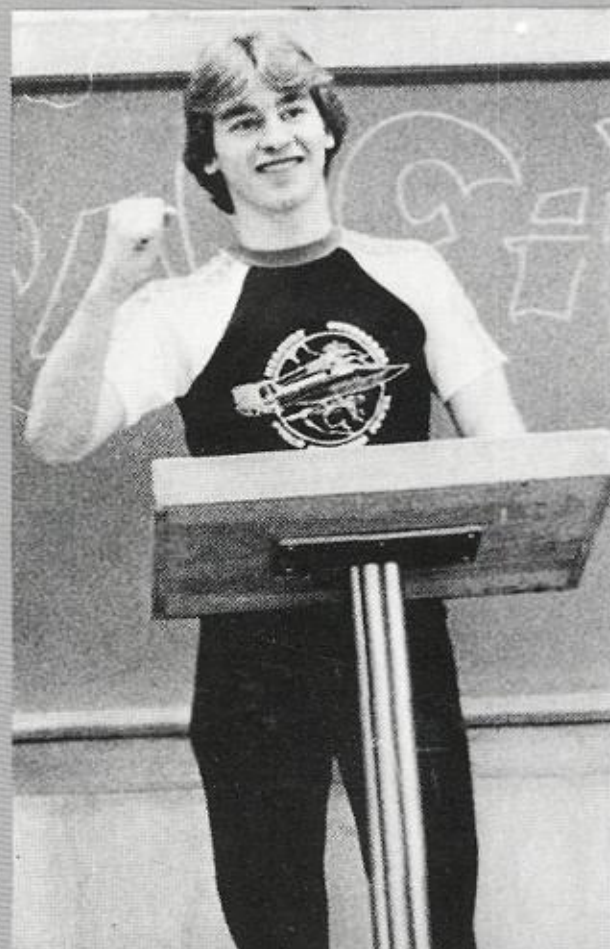
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1. Practicing the piano, Shawn Howe prepares to use her skills to widen her scope of knowledge.
2. Leading the student body into unexplored options of school life, Rusty Thomas pauses to look at the preparations on the newest addition to AHS, KAHS.
3. Experiencing the thrill of victory, students at Abilene High support the Eagles during a basketball game at Eagle gym.
4. In an attempt to voice student's opinions, the ABILENE REPORTER-NEWS offers a column "Youth Forum" in which Ed Leal questions Cecelia Davis, Gina Morely of Cooper High and Kathy Martin about their views on the trimester system.
5. Symbolic of the entire high school circle, Abilene High stands isolated during the summer months.
6. Encountering friendship over the years, the once advanced science class becomes Esman's Dirty Dozen, ready to invade the labs of Abilene High.
7. Gesturing to stress a point in his speech, Richard Giese practices before his peers for the upcoming speech tournament.

Contemporary attitudes reflect key characteristics of today's society

Yet, after the senior year, during the summer and years that were to follow, the circle began again, and revolved once more. Just as with life's beginnings, school and life after school, the circle widened as life grew into more depth and comprehension. Aware, yet unbelieving of the circle that life followed, the students of Abilene High attempted to attain recognition, pride, glory and most importantly knowledge. All of these traits were offered to the students through the colleges, four year universities, junior colleges, commercial colleges, or the mere reality of work in Abilene. All offered the underlying base of the purpose of life, the attainment of knowledge.

The basis of society was knowledge, not mere academic understanding, but knowledge of friendship, sportsmanship, courtesy, fame and defeat. Friendship was seen in the inseparable gatherings of people, in the moments between classes in the halls and after school. Sportsmanship was involvement in UIL competition, as well as intramural activities, or even less organized games such as a game of frisbee in the parking lot, or tag football. On and off the field, Abilene High players, fans and bystanders came to be recognized as leaders in the field of good sportsmanship. Courtesy offered toward patrons, officials, teachers, friends and even cross town rivals, Cooper High School, gained city wide recognition through exchange days, teachers appreciation days, acknowledgement of the Abilene High Booster Club, and many more activities directed toward the community of Abilene. These events generated Abilene High to become a basic symbol of courtesy. The thrill of fame and the agony of defeat were each experienced, sometimes simultaneously. The circle continued leaving the past behind, making a path for the future.

1. Breaking away from a hectic class schedule, Cathy Augastact finds relaxation in a game of frisbee during lunch.
2. Serenity in moments apart from reality is discovered by Pat White and Jay Scott in the few moments before sunset.
3. Perfecting her skills on the balance beam, Kathy Johnson warms up before the Permian gymnastics meet.
4. In the confusion of between class moments, students attempt to arrive at the appointed destination on time.
5. After receiving the lineman of the year



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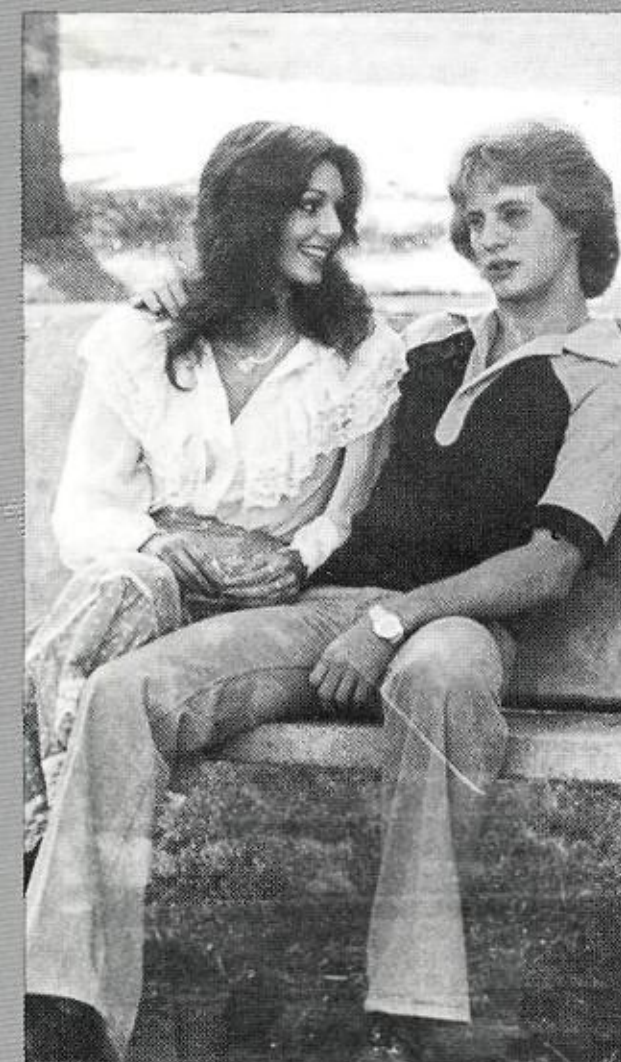
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- award, Richard Flores is inundated with scholarship offers.
6. In concument with the foresight of victory, Marelyn Bridges relaxes from the hectic routine of cheerleading during the 50's day pep talk.
7. Quiet moments before school are captured by Joanne Gray and Ed Smith as they talk of the events which they will soon face.
8. Comments about the previous night's activities are exchanged before first period in the foyer of the academic building.



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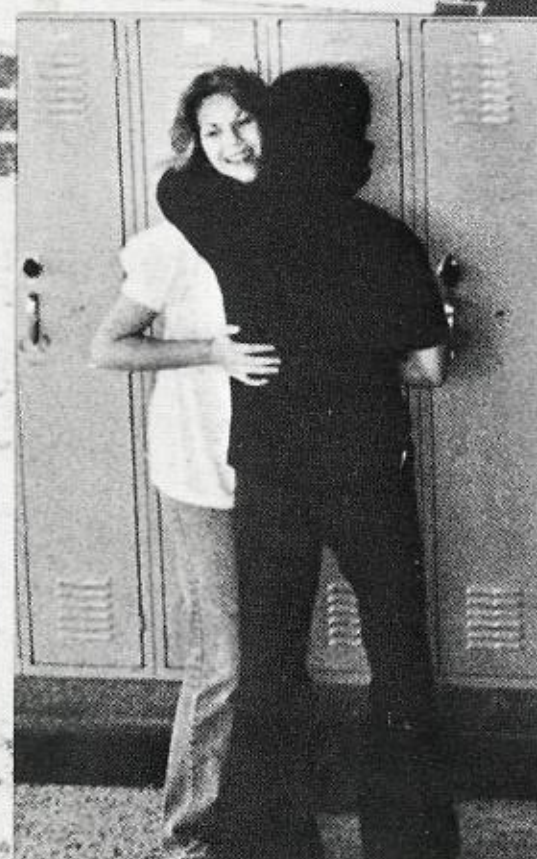
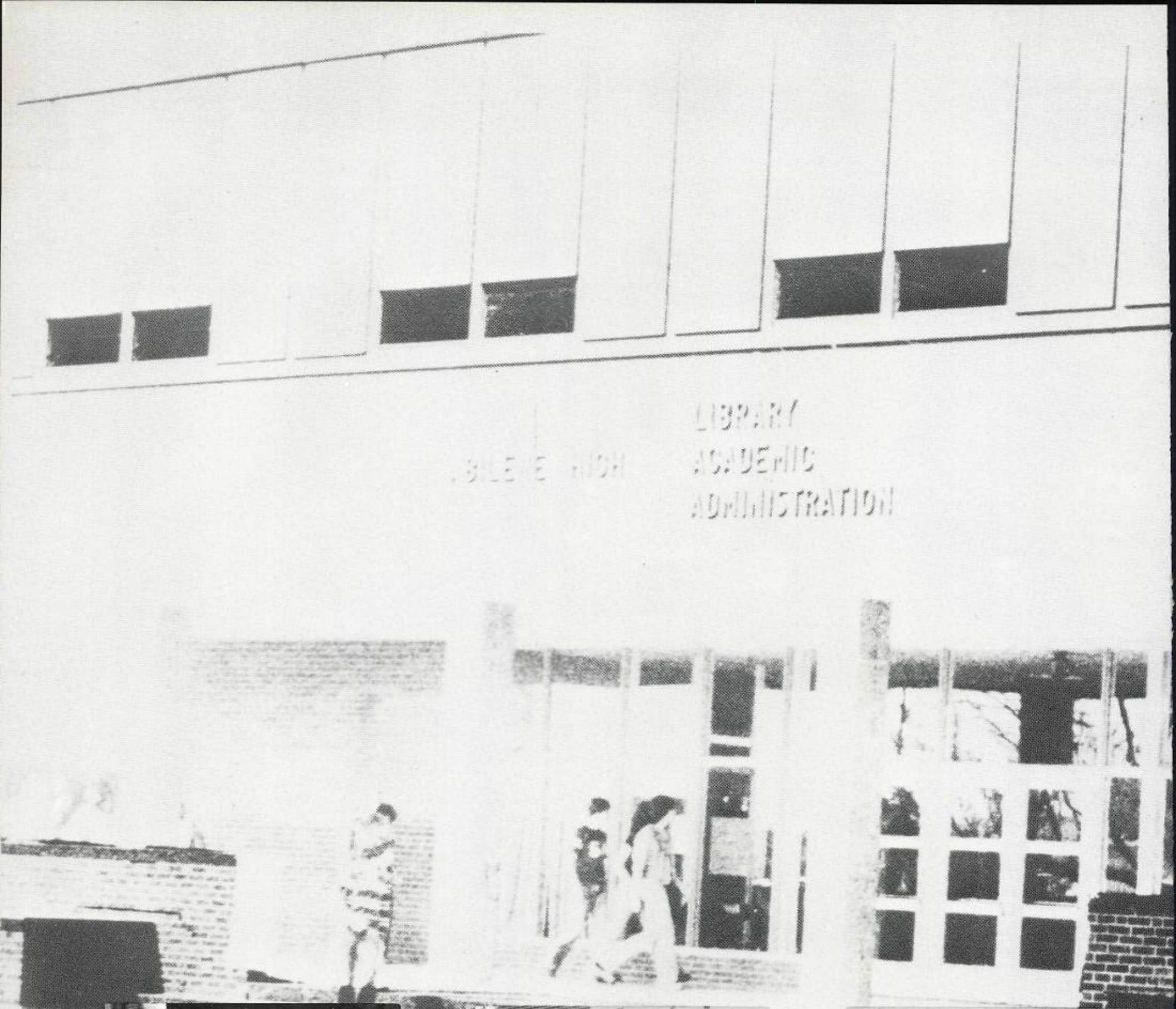
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Dear old Abilene High
 Grand Old Abilene High
 Champion school of all the West.
 Loyal just to you.
 We're faithful and true blue
 We always will uphold you as the best
 School of Eagle Fame
 Winners of the game.
 Fight right on to victory.
 Fight right to the end,
 And when you've won it, then—
 Three cheers for
 Grand old Abilene High.

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 to learn.



Life's harsh realities offer future fantasies

The days, hours and moments whirled by leaving a confusion of appointments, schedules and responsibilities. Real life loomed and lurked around every corner as the realization of the dangers of life was faced through the loss of a loved one in a wreck, the hurt in the face of a pregnant teenager, the acknowledgment of murder, robbery, drugs and alcohol. Students were already facing the beginning of the final circle.

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1. Students depart from the sheltered world of Abilene High to face the outside and its challenges.
2. The aftermath of the liquor election stands evident as a constant reminder of the adult world.
3. In the triumph of success, the AHS volleyball team rallies to the cry of victory.
4. One of the facets of life's circles are good-byes as confronted by Kim Kampert and Angel Munoz.
5. Focusing on the aspects of driving, students rationalize life, death and shattered images of owning a car.
6. Pondering over the past, Ken Richer reflects on yesterday while facing tomorrow.

Occurrences/Masses



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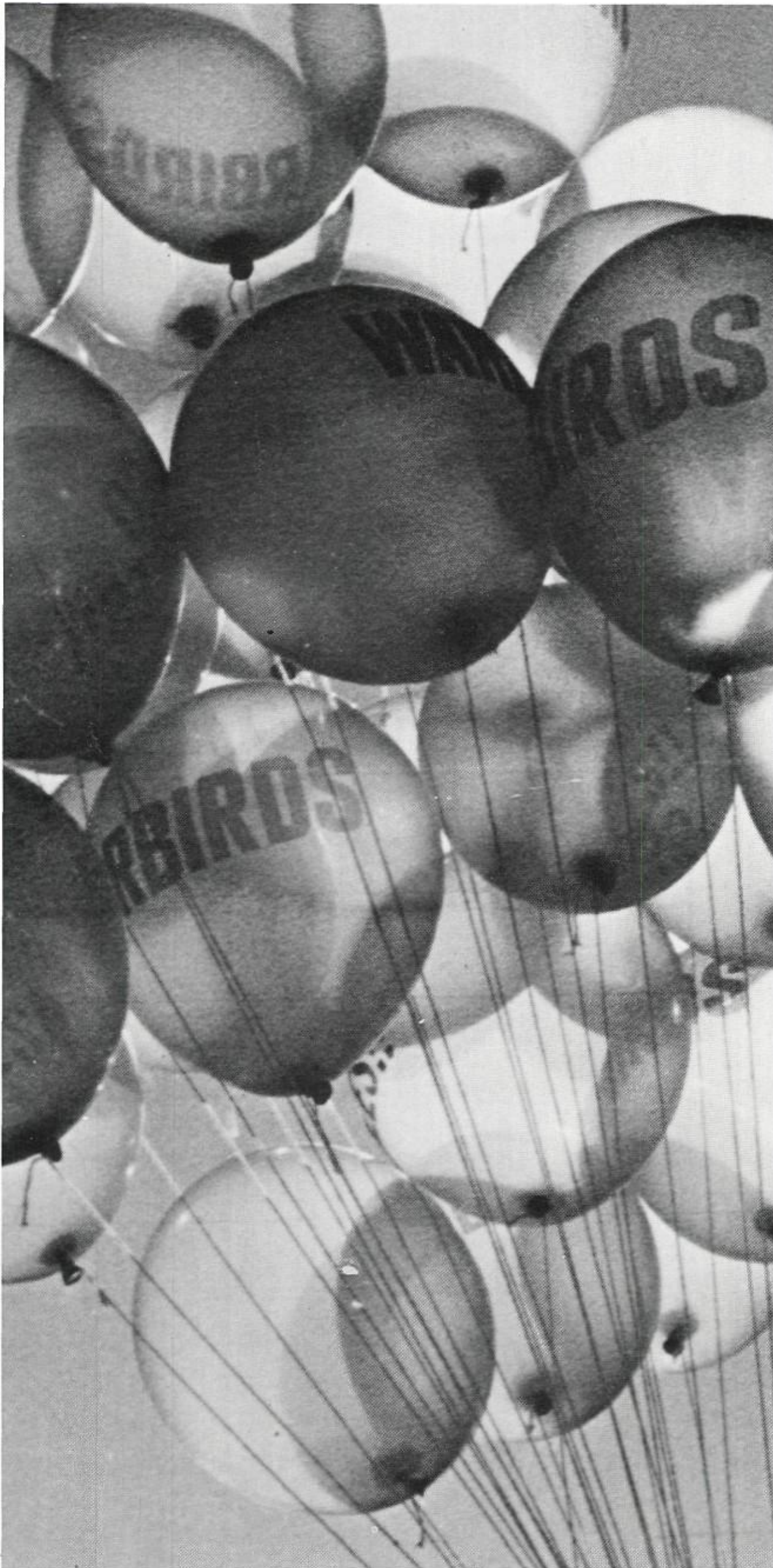
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Rituals change lives of students existence

Student life was a title often too broad but nevertheless used to categorize people into a biased category. As expected, yet not realized, every student that formed the student body of Abilene High was unique—with individual needs, achievements and goals, ever present yet ever changing.

For with the rise of each day, new values, rules, priorities and systems were put into operation to confuse the often already confused student, facing the world and peers in a state of desired acceptance.

The hours and days that went into making up a day and night of a student's life are those of ever occurring eventful rituals that change as the years progress, eventually leading the students of Abilene into the adults of tomorrow.

Shaped by the events that came into being as an adolescent, life seemed impossible with all the problems of dates, grades, money, etc., and merely a stepping stone of tomorrow's existing problems of inflation, marriage and social positions.

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1. United in the school song during a pep rally, students and the Bold Gold share the excitement in anticipated victory.
 2. One of the trials and tribulations of being a student is the follies of reaching classes on time.
 3. Symbolic of ever present existence, Kitty serves as a reminder of life remaining constant in a changing world.
 4. Experiences of the joy of young love are encountered quite often as a student.
 5. Worn and weather beaten, the population sign of Abilene serves as a reminder of growth and progress of the Key City.
 6. Expressing the feeling of AHS students, balloons fly high, as does Eagle spirit.

On and on, on and on, it just keeps on going on and on . . .

"How can it be? Back to school already!"

Although most students would not admit it, the three month break rapidly grew old, and the urge to reunite with old friends and new teachers intensified; yet, the reunion of homework and responsibilities lacked enthusiasm.

Classes were scheduled to start September 4; yet for many, the three month break was in reality a two month break and a startling awakening into the routine of school.

Early August workouts which gradually became rigorous twice-a-day workouts could have contributed to the impressive Eagle

football season. The marching band also got an early start as sophomores began training at the first of the summer. They were joined two weeks before the opening school day by the entire band each morning from nine until twelve.

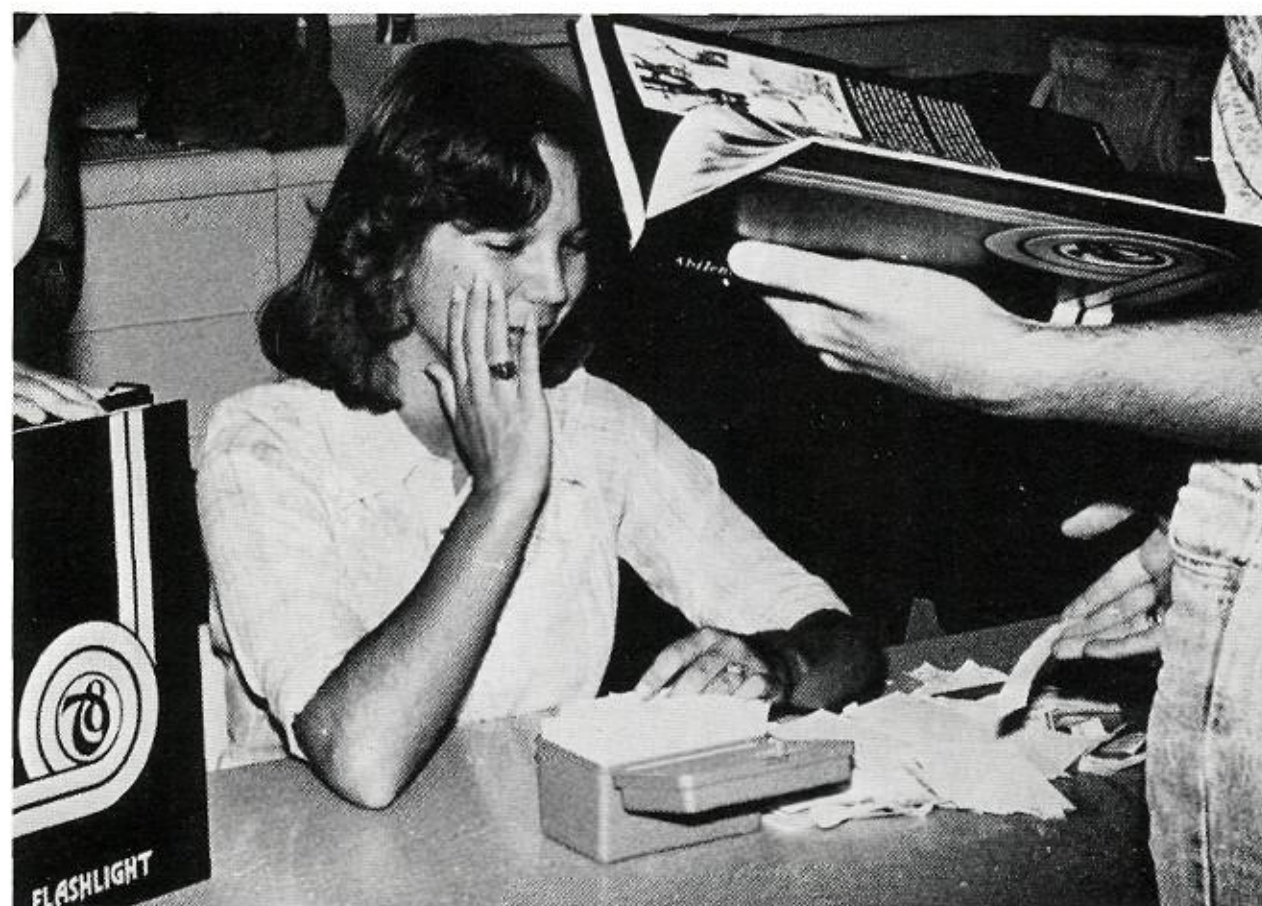
Student Council leaders chosen at the close of the 1978 school year convened on August 3, to prepare the upcoming rituals needed to begin another year at AHS. Thus, came registration where the Student Council closely worked with counselors and students in scheduling classes, handed out I. D.'s and finalized automobile registrations.

On August 15 distribution of the 1978

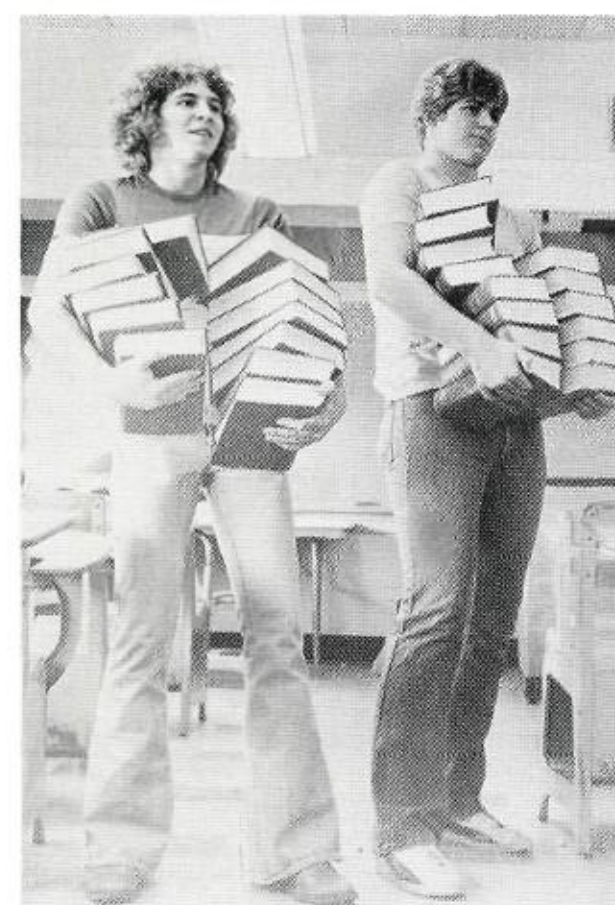
FLASHLIGHT broke the monotony of registration. Attended by approximately 900 students, a lasting opportunity to see friends and foes became a reality before the 1978 seniors sought a new lifestyle and returning juniors and sophomores took on their new roles as seniors or juniors.

Jumping in feet first, the administration under Principal Gayle Lomax completed the master schedule, and faculty returned on August 2 to arrange rooms and lessons for the 2,000 students they would soon greet.

Obvious to all concerned, school actually began long before its official opening on September 4.



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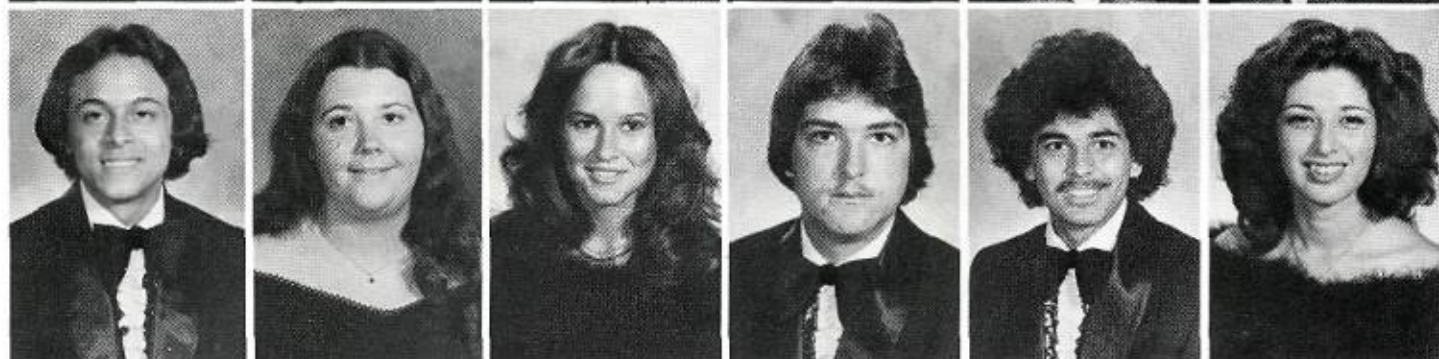


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Dianne Acosta
Regina Adams
Teresa Adkins
Ruben Aguirre
Scott Akard



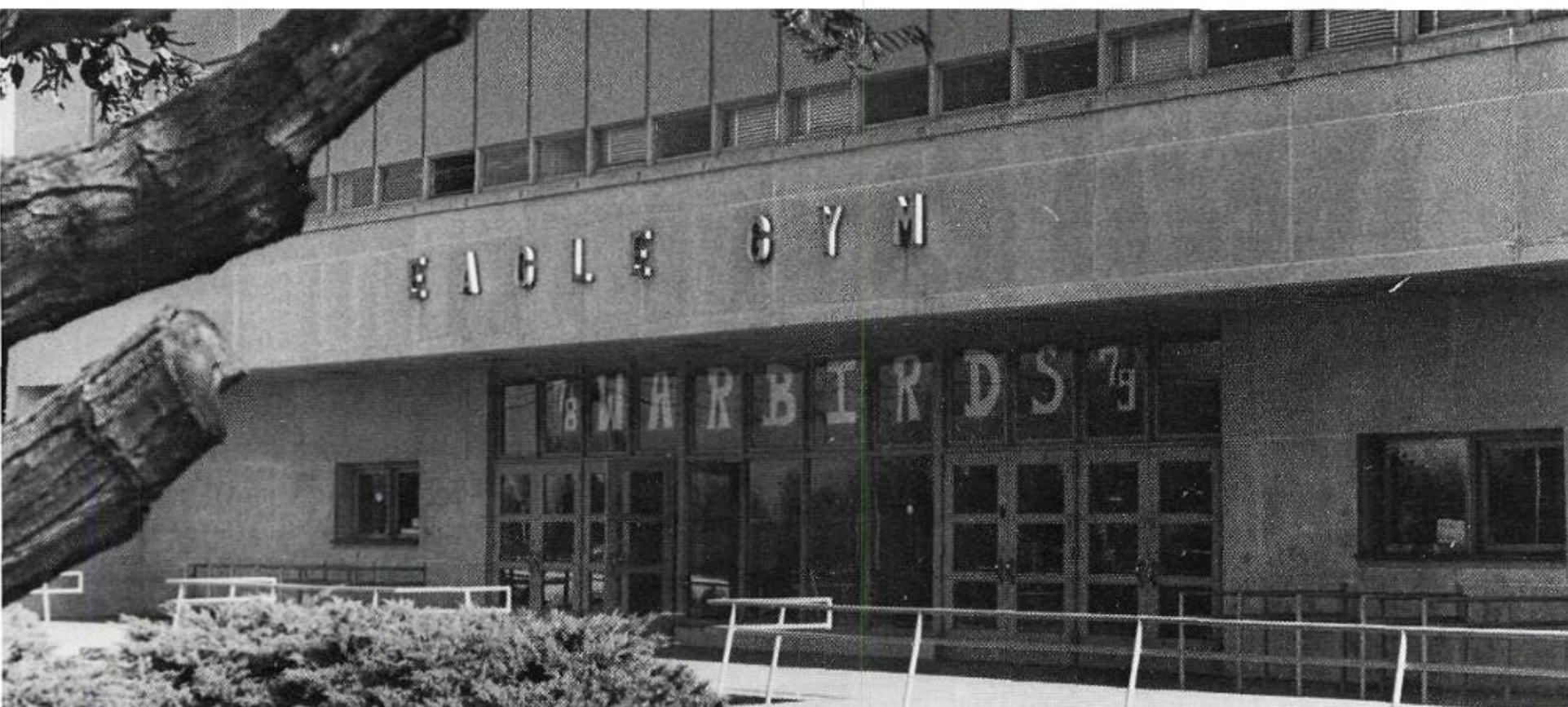
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Susan Alexander
Becky Allen
Paul Allen
Kevin Almaguer
Susie Alvarez



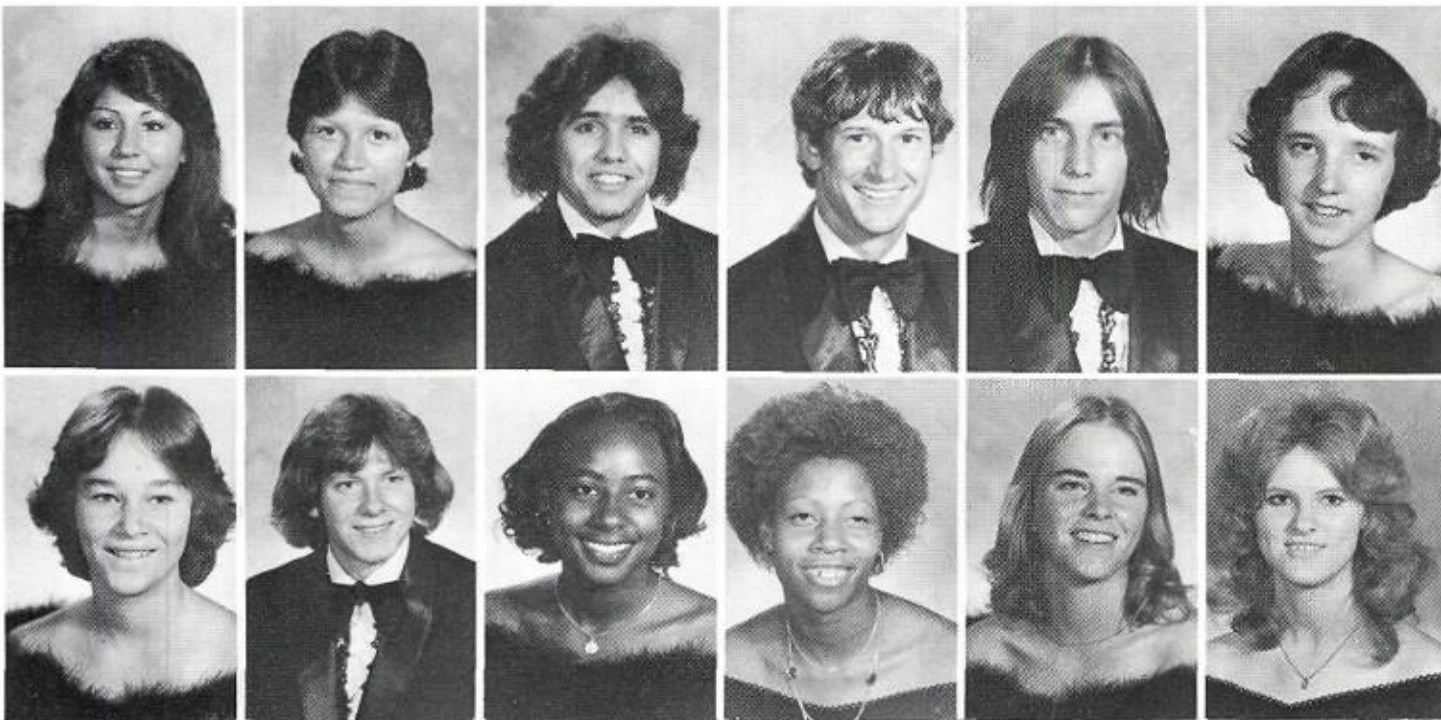


1. In the midst of total confusion, Devra Hoef attempts to decipher an annual receipt during the delivery of the 1978 FLASH-LIGHT.
2. Getting back to the books literally, Chuck Mitchell and Tim Baxter supply English classes with dictionaries.
3. Readjusting to cafeteria food, Betty Dudley and Carole Simpson display their opinions.
4. An ever present reminder for those who drive down Mockingbird is the Abilene Eagle Gym representing a vital part of school.

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Grace Andrews
Esthel Aranda
David Armendariz
Channing Ashenfelter
David Atkins
Debbie Austin

Velvet Baily
Brett Baker
Paula Balanciers
Rosemary Baldwin
Regina Ball
Sandra Bartley

Modifications affect traditional function

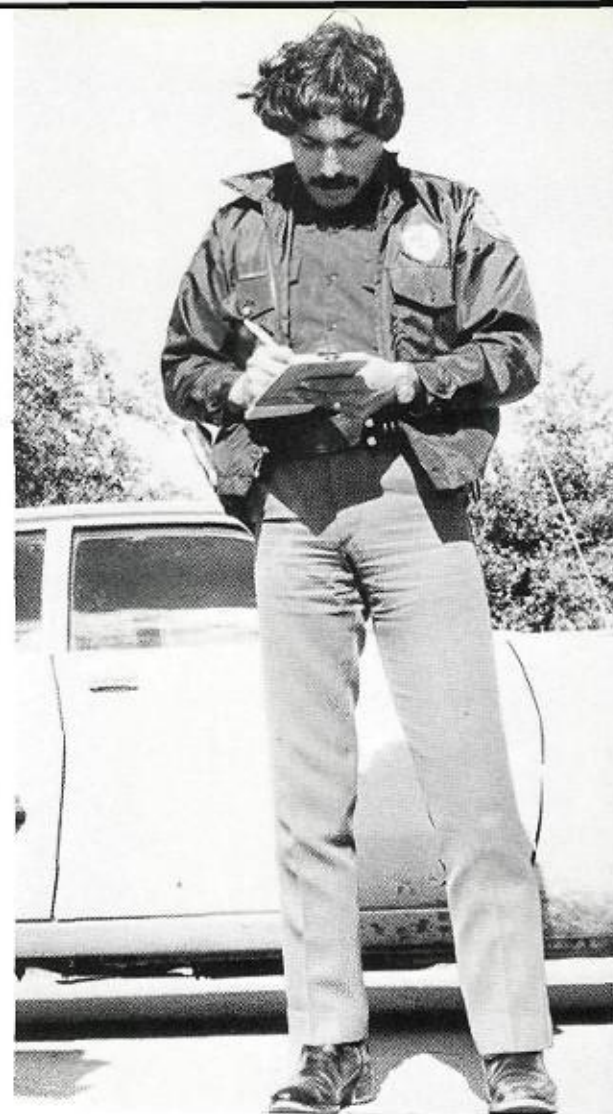
Specified by the FUNK AND WAGNALLS DICTIONARY: change (chanj) v.—to make different; alter. An ancient Chinese proverb stated old ideas not always best ideas. With this in mind, change seemed inevitable for Abilene High.

A new year, a new age and a new generation met returning students. The year 1979 differed greatly from the previous one for the simple reason of advancement. One change that greatly affected Abilene High was the appointment of Mr. Gayle Lomax as principal of Abilene High. In the conventional role of former principals, Mr. Lomax accepted the challenge of over 2,000 students and struggled to make his plans and accomplishments known to the students, parents and community.

However, the main concern on the part of students was with changes in that area known for frisbee games, smoking, racing, thefts and vandalism. To prevent the parking lot from becoming a catchall of other vices, a police officer, paid by the AISD, patrolled the parking lot four hours a day. In addition to the police officer, the parking lot was increased in size by the demolition of the fence that supposedly separated the "freaks" lot and the "ropers" lot. Striping was added to create additional parking spaces. Other changes in the parking lot came with the closing of the central gate on Mockingbird, and also the closing of the back gate with

the relocation of the gate and crosswalk to the front of Eagle Gym. All in all, the parking lot changes proved to be effective. Statistics began to prove that the added protection decreased thefts and vandalism and increased student security and safety.

A change not so radical as to be noticed by the student body, faintly understood or even slightly interesting involved the library. Once again the powers that ruled decided that the image of the library would no longer suffice, and so it was no longer the library but rather the LRC, (Learning Resource Center). Longer hours for those students who wished to increase their skills and knowledge were made readily available in an attempt to promote the use of the LRC and stimulate learning. However, a library by any other name was still a library.

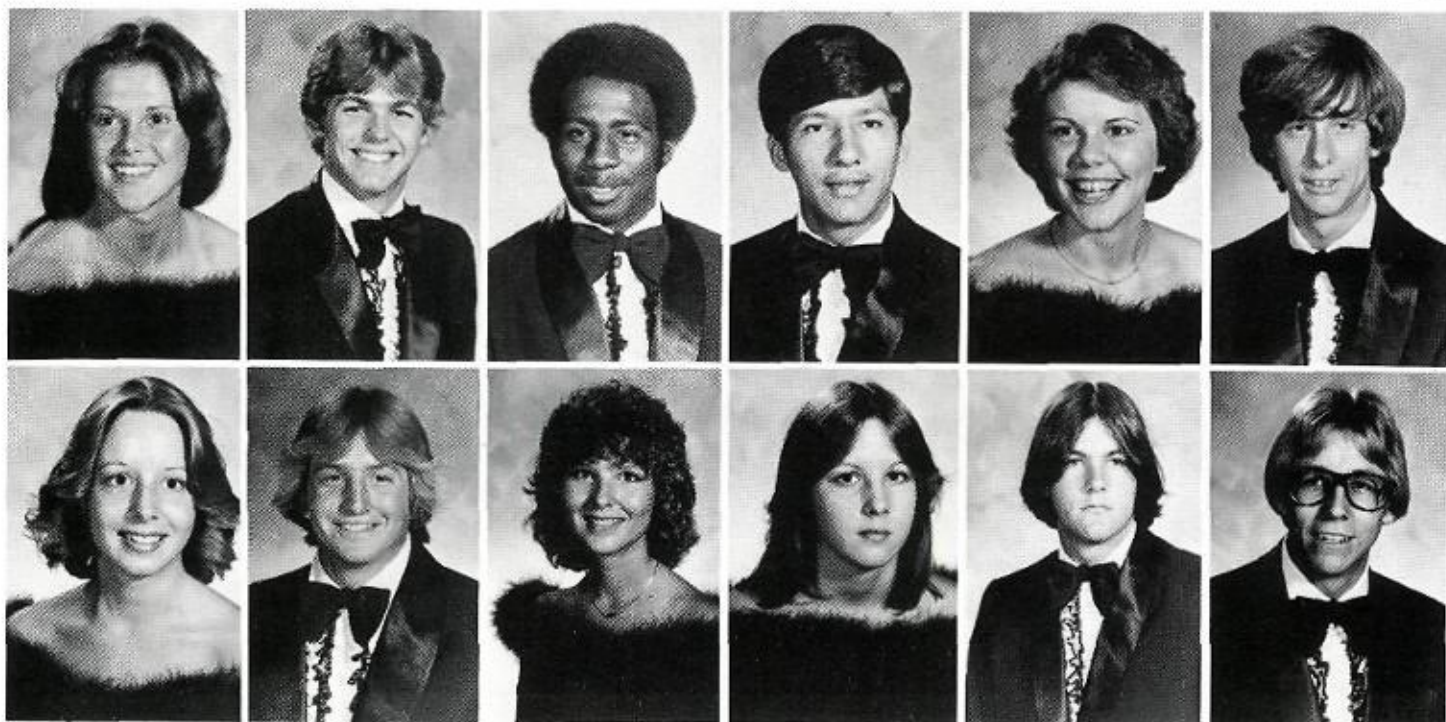


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Kathy Batson
Tim Baxtor
Craig Bell
Angel Benavidez
Regina Black
Chuck Bohanan



Ann Bolls
Phil Boone
Dawn Bourland
Kim Boreik
Danny Bowie
Brooks Boynton

Reprinted from the morning issue of October 22, 1978 *Abilene Reporter News*.

Q. Why can't anything be done about the Abilene High School students who completely ignore the traffic lights and stream across Mockingbird, stopping traffic? I go to work down Mockingbird and am just holding my breath and hoping that I don't hurt somebody. If the kids aren't mature enough or responsible enough to cross the streets by themselves, why isn't there a patrolman there?

A. This has been a problem since Abilene High was built, says Police Chief

Warren Dodson. There aren't enough patrolmen, he says, to station one there on a regular basis. AHS Principal Gayle Lomax, says at least once a week he talks to the students about using the crosswalks and crossing with the lights. As bad as it is, Lomax said, it's better than it was last year. He also says AHS is the only high school he knows of where the campus is divided by a major thoroughfare.

How about it, AHS students? Are you too "immature and irresponsible" to be allowed to cross the streets by yourselves?

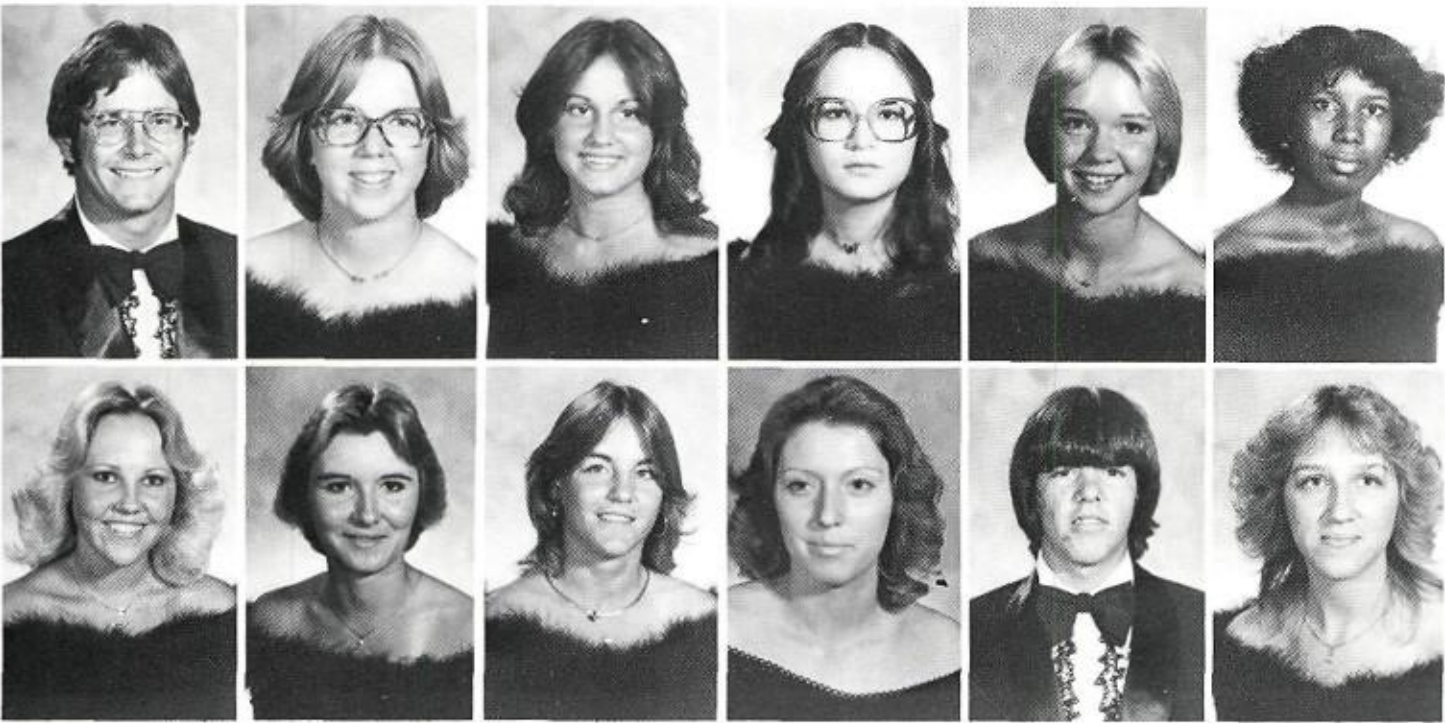
1. Caught up in one of the last exciting parts of his job, Office Santos Perez of the Abilene Police Department records the license number of a student's car.
2. During his noontime breaks, Pete Acosta enjoys the library's new additions.
3. Engaging in the daily trek to the parking lot, Karen Thompson, Cathy Stuehler, Chuck Mitchell and Kathy Martin make use of the new crosswalk.
4. A smile widens on the face of Gayle Lomax as he enjoys the pleasures of AHS hospitality during a surprise birthday party.



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John Brady
Darla Bridges
Marelyn Bridges
Amy Brock
Laura Bromley
Faye Brooks

Dana Brown
Jane Brown
Leslie Brown
Marchelle Brown
Todd Brown
Tonya Brown

Campus changes challenge student body

"Man, I just got it learned."
"Let's do it all in one whack."

"Okay, smile now."
"It was easier last year."

Those were just a few of the comments heard during registration from seniors, juniors, sophomores, counselors, teachers and other assorted sufferers. Heard more than once was, "If you get through registration, they ought to give you a diploma."

Backed by get-it-over-with thinking, registration, so the logic flowed, eliminated all problems by forcing students to make snap decisions. This sounded logical, but in reality it was quite difficult. In fact, registration changes were just a herald of things to come.

Going from one extreme to another, the AISD changed the test exemption policy for students with an acceptable absence/citizenship record to no exemptions at all. The general rebuttal by seniors was "Why couldn't they have waited 'till next year?" while the

rest of the student body felt a general disappointment and resigned to the incurable.

All changes, however, were not limited to the scholastic realm. Changes apart from scholastic activities included the shriveling of vacation time. Although students were relieved to discover that school was starting a week later than the previous year, disappointment was evident on the faces of the students when the 1978-79 Eagles Flight disclosed a shortened Christmas vacation from two weeks to ten days.

Faced with the dilemma of back to school changes, students conformed to new fashion trends. The once flared blue jean generation was rapidly changing to one where girls wore spiked heels complementing straight legged jeans. Supplementing crimped hair was the ever popular disco look, double-pierced earrings and the Annie Hall look.

So as the world turned, changes occurred and advancement, sometimes painfully and slowly, was made.



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Tim Broyles
Gayle Burk
Sharon Burnett
Kathy Burton
Kathy Byrd
Derrik Caballero

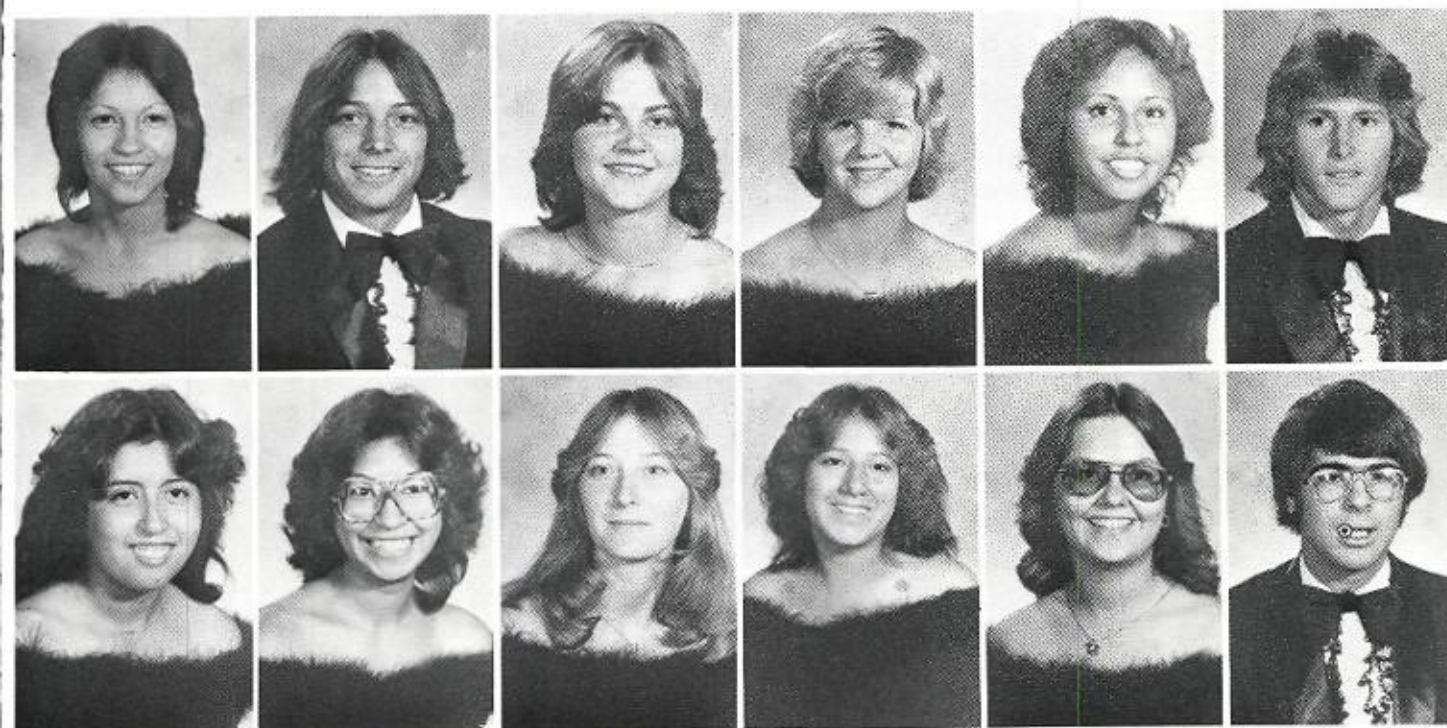
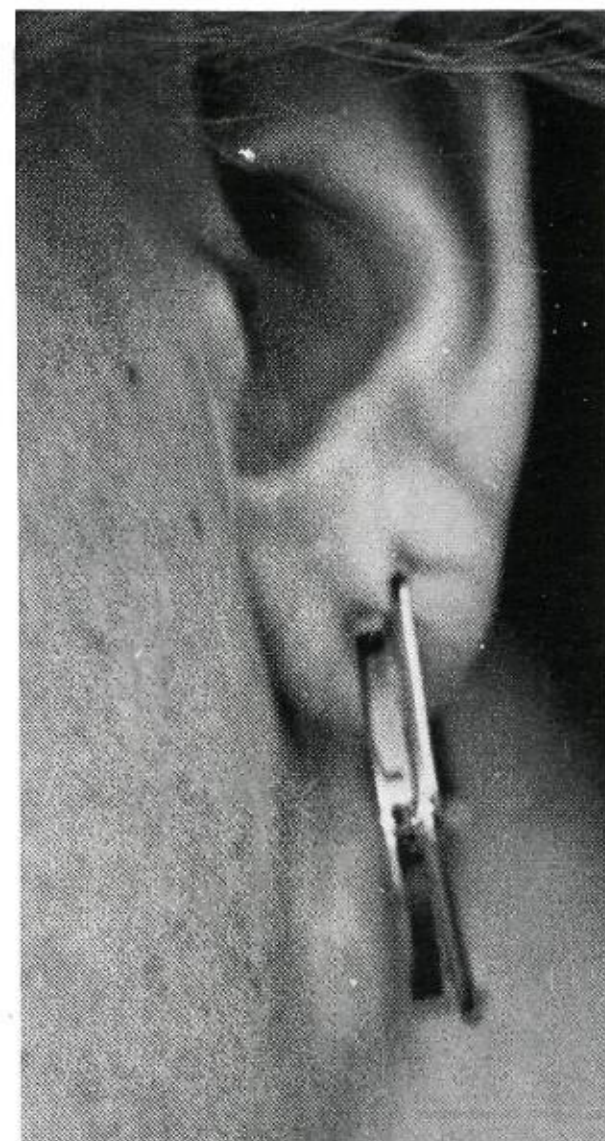


Glenn Caldwell
Teresa Cambell
Joanne Cannon
Richard Cannon
Brian Cargile
Holly Carslile





1. As the Christmas holidays approach, Becky Bourland regrettably circles dates of the shortened vacation.
2. Modeling the straight leg, rolled up jean with spiked heels, Gina Herndon demonstrates the new styles.
3. Exams create new pressures, problems and added work for students Sherry Rhodes, Cheri Gooch, Diane Hester and others in Mrs. Vicki Cook's biology class.
4. Assisting students as they register, Mr. Alan Lockett helps ease the pain as Kathy Steeler, Kathy Martin and Karen Thompson plan courses for the coming year.
5. Adding a unique element of beauty to the ear, double piercing represents current high school fashion trends.



Esmerelda Carrillo
Jimmy Carson
Cammie Carter
Linda Carter
Elda Casas
Mike Cass

Debra Castillo
Juanita Castillo
Tammy Chanee
Stello Chia
Debra Chick
Cliff Chatman

Lights create exciting nightlife

Driving into Abilene with the glaring headlights lighting the way, anyone could easily recognize the bustling city by the sparkling lights. Watching for a city limit sign was never needed since the steady ribbon of lights served as an official welcome.

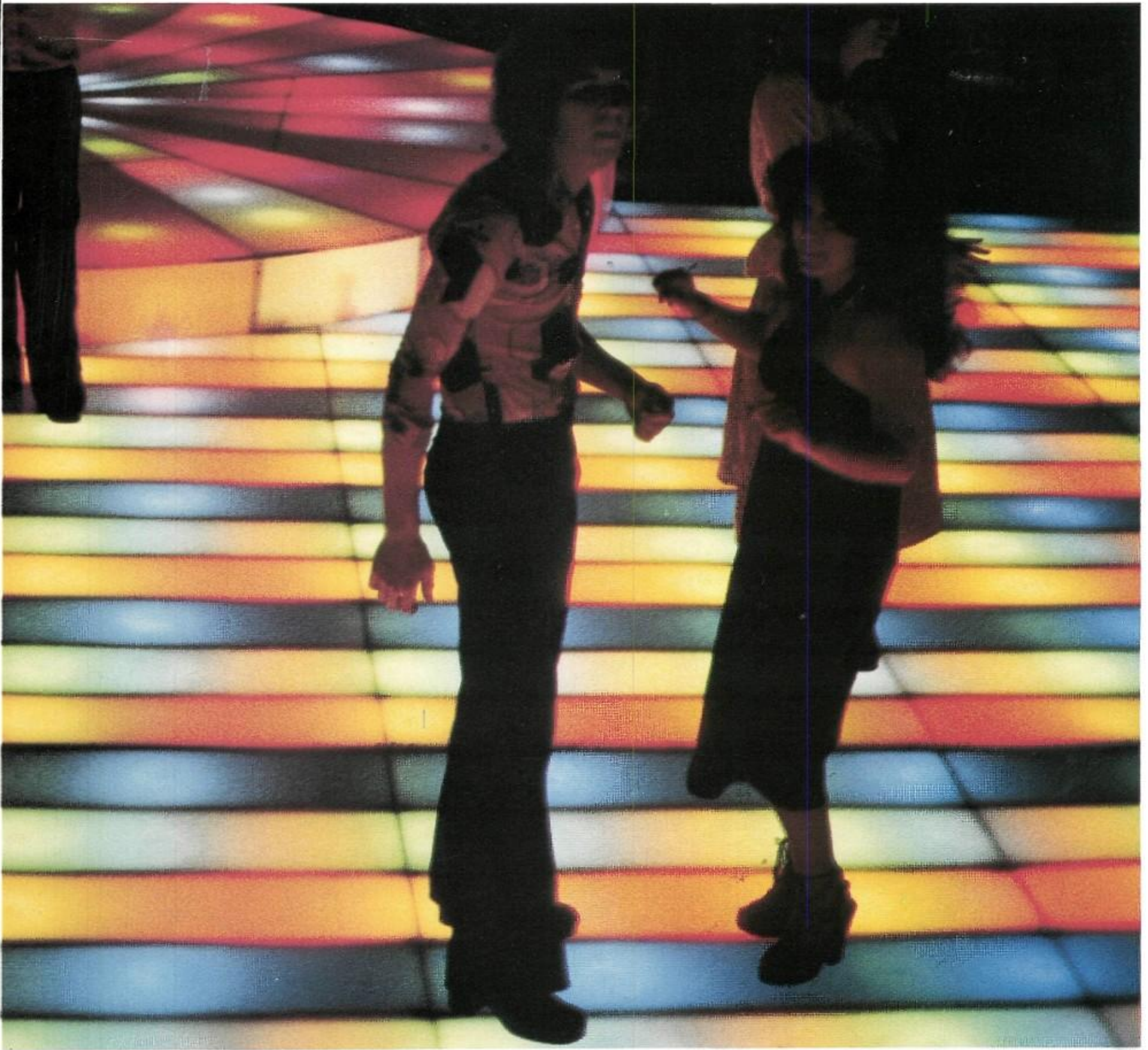
Many of these travelers were headed or returning from entertainment centers which included thriller movies, fast-moving discotheques and stylish restaurants. The theaters added their own brightness and thrill through the illuminated marquees and excited theatergoers. Special lighting effects and loud, fast music cast the overall atmosphere for dancers and spectators at the crowded discotheques. The attractive neon signs of restaurants and fast-food places contributed to the evergrowing mass of lights in Abilene as each establishment sought to attract more customers.

Of course, special seasons brought added illumination. As usual, the West Texas Fair highlighted the skyline. The splendor of its appearance at night was largely because of its lighting. The revolving rides threw off multicolors and blended them with the carnival atmosphere to create a happy and jovial spirit for all to share.

Probably the most expressive season of the year was Christmas. The downtown area shopping malls, office buildings and residential areas all participated in decorating for the season as Christmas trees were seen through windows and giant snowmen and Santa Clauses were placed around homes. Tinsel was strung to continually remind everyone of the holidays and the returning traditional Christmas spirit.

The lights of Abilene definitely served a dual purpose. They not only lit up normally dark streets and attracted the nighttime traveler but also gave an aura of excitement to the normal humdrum daytime life of the Abilene citizen.





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1. Christmas holidays bring traditional Santa Clauses and presents along with holiday lights to both residential and business sections.
2. Caught up in the disco atmosphere created by lights, music and the crowd, Chuck Mitchell and Carmen Garcia enjoy a night at the Sound Barrier.
3. The aura of nightlife is enhanced by the illumination of downtown Abilene.
4. Adding to the usually slow-paced-end-of-the-summer drag, the West Texas Fair adds its fascination with rides, lights and friends.

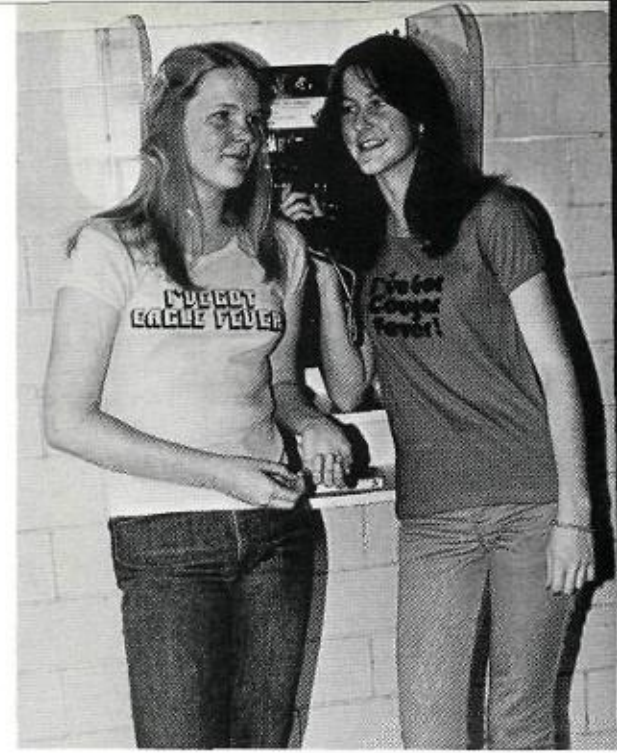
Coexisting lives in a biased municipality

Abilene schools have long been known as fierce competitors. Since the instigation of Abilene's "other" high school, the intense desire to excel has been divided into two opposing forces, Abilene High and Cooper. Rivalry continued to grow. Finally opposition has increased to include not only sports but academics as well. Whatever the activity, AHS students maintained as their goal the outclassing Cooper.

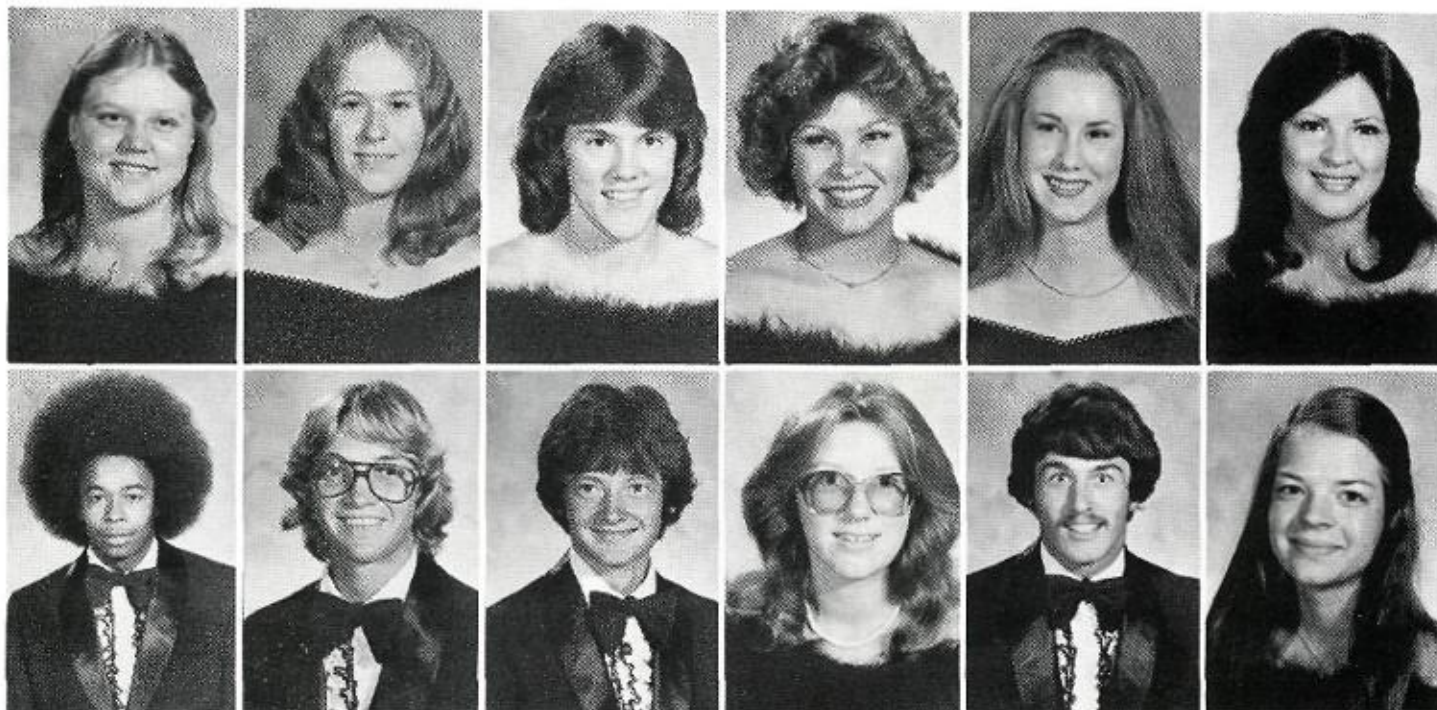
The most prevalent area of rivalry existed in football. The Eagles had sustained thirteen consecutive losses in the heated battle. Their supreme goal was to break Cooper's winning streak. Though futile in their valiant attempts, the Eagles anticipated victory in the various sports confrontations to occur throughout the year. Eagle basketball players were among those striving to conquer Cooper as they prepared to repeat last year's victory over the Cougars in which AHS continued on to the state playoffs.

Competition was not limited to sports however. A report by the National Association of Secondary School Principals stated that National Merit Scholastic Aptitude Tests scores were ranked among 34 schools in the nation and the only one in Texas as unusually high. Once again, the Eagles had displayed their talents and had superseded those of the students across town.

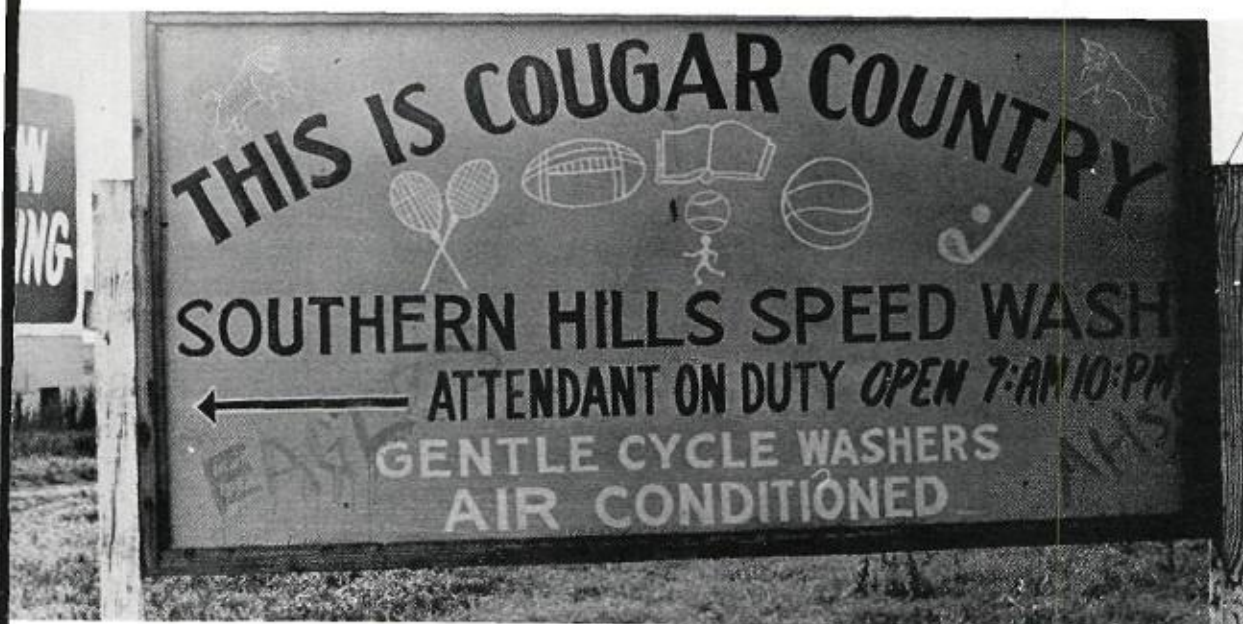
Another facet of cross-town rivalry existed in community supporters. A common complaint heard among Eagles was that news media reporting continually favored the South side of town. Booster Club members worked in the community to build up support for their respective schools, each claiming that theirs was the best. Former students lent enthusiastic support in various ways. In all areas of Abilene, friendships and an intense rivalry co-existed because of the fierce competition between the Abilene Eagles and the Cooper Cougars.



Carolyn Childers
Sandra Chism
Angela Chittum
Tracy Christiansen
Michelle Christopher
Debbie Cisneros



Herbert City
Mike Claspill
Stephen Claunch
Lynn Clevenger
Nelson Coates
Cindy Cole

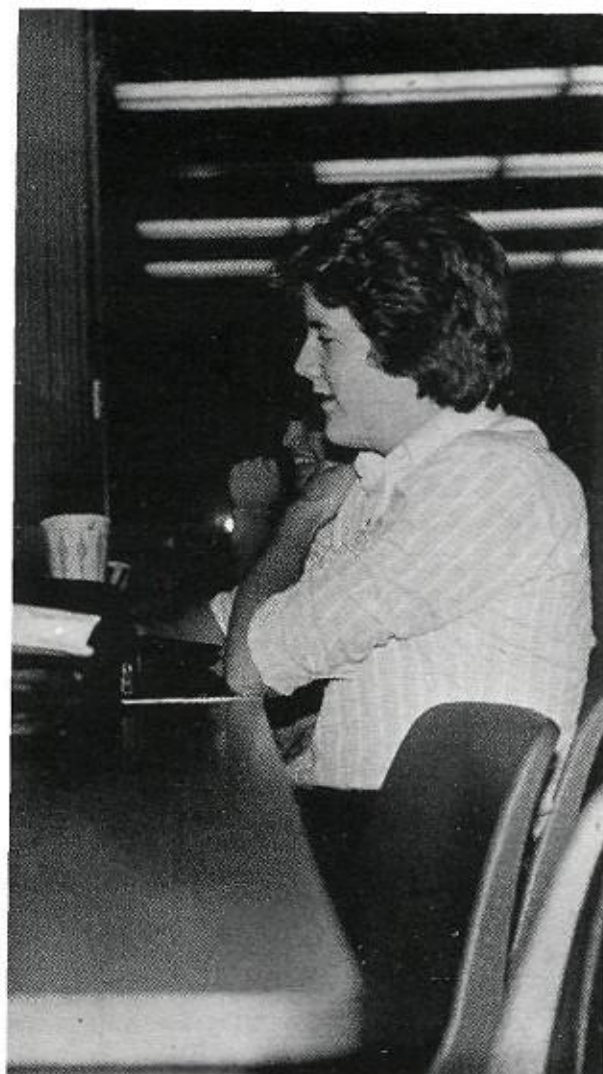


1. Despite the obvious rivalry, Teresa Mowry from AHS and Teresa Wheeler from CHS remain friends.
2. A typical symbol of rivalry, the Cougar Country sign displays Eagle graffiti.
3. As a token of friendship towards Cooper High, Rusty Thomas and Michelle Christopher present an ivy to Robert Hughes and Toni Gregg of Cooper at the annual Abilene High/Cooper football game.
4. Portrayed by Mr. Wes Odell, a Cooper Cougar looks around for kitty litter at the Cooper pep rally skit.
5. Symbolic of the sentiments felt throughout the entire school year towards Cooper, a revenge sign towers above Eagle Squad members Matt Craig and Clay Hale.
6. During an exchange day with Cooper, Scott Orr from Abilene High samples the food from Cooper cafeteria.

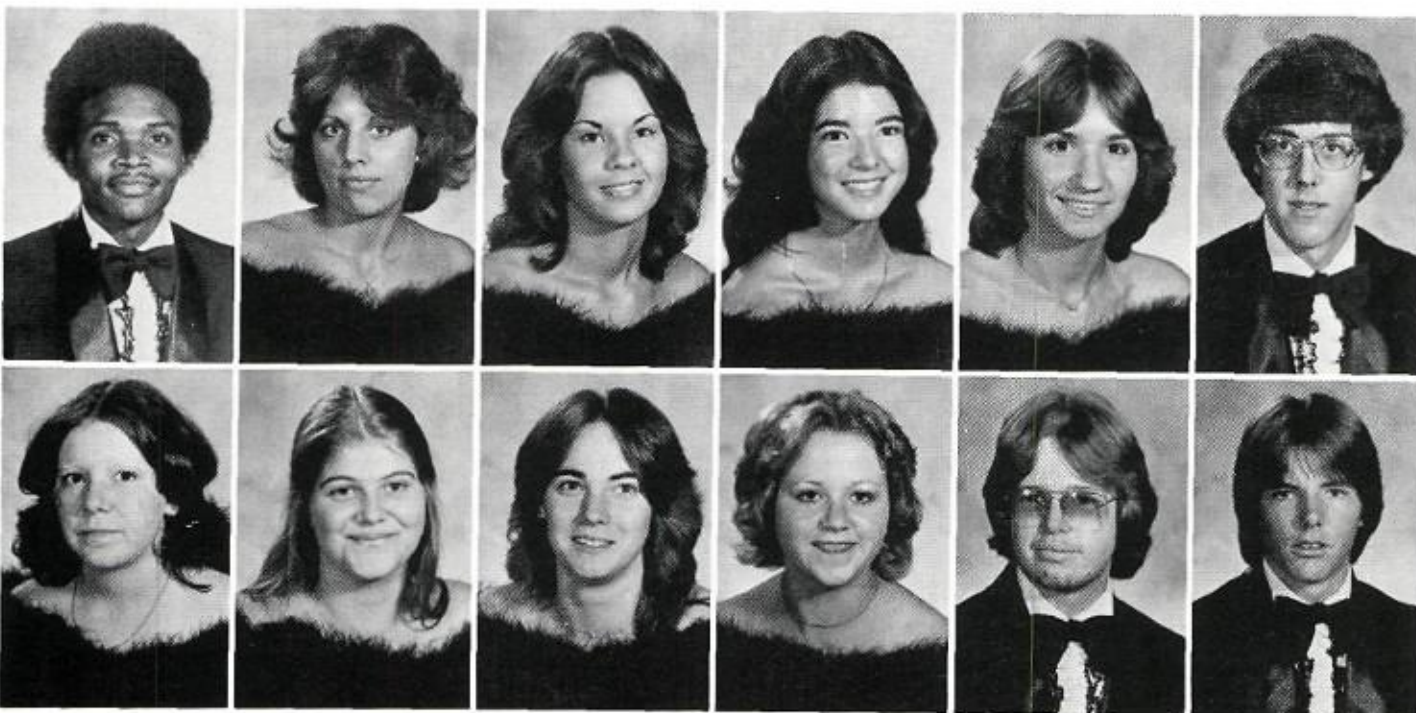
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Carol Cook
Donna Cook
Tammy Cook
Brenda Copsey
Peter Cornish

Melinda Cory
Anita Cosson
Mishelle Couch
Carla Cowart
Ray Cozby
Matt Craig

Levels of spirit excel anticipated heights

Explosive, exciting spirit could be found everywhere at Abilene High. Wherever athletes perfected their sports, and students sharpened their academic or expressive skills, the highly competitive Eagles struggled to achieve the goal of being number one.

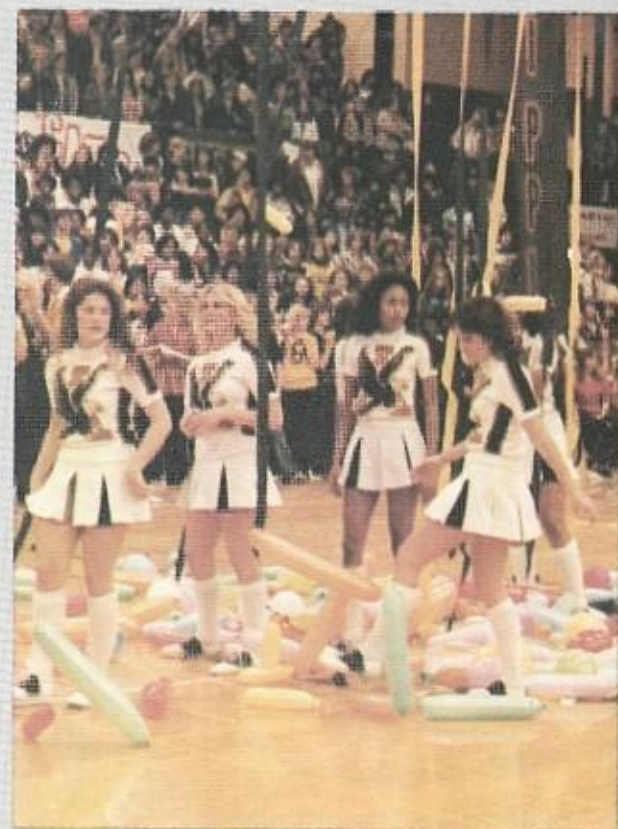
No matter what the event, the Eagles were never alone. For behind every player, every artist, every competitor, stood a loyal fan hoping, urging and supporting the Eagles on to the highest achievement.

Spirit in the Abilene High fans could be found in the loyal Bold Gold members

continually selling ribbons or with the Student Council sponsoring spirit activities. Teachers also gave extra hours to instruct students in preparation for all types of UIL competition including sports and academics. In addition the merchants and citizens of the Abilene community gave their spirited support by raising funds and attending AHS events.

As a common bond for students, teachers and Abilene citizens, Eagle spirit united the entire school family as a prominent motivator.

When you feel
like an Eagle
your soul has no
place on the
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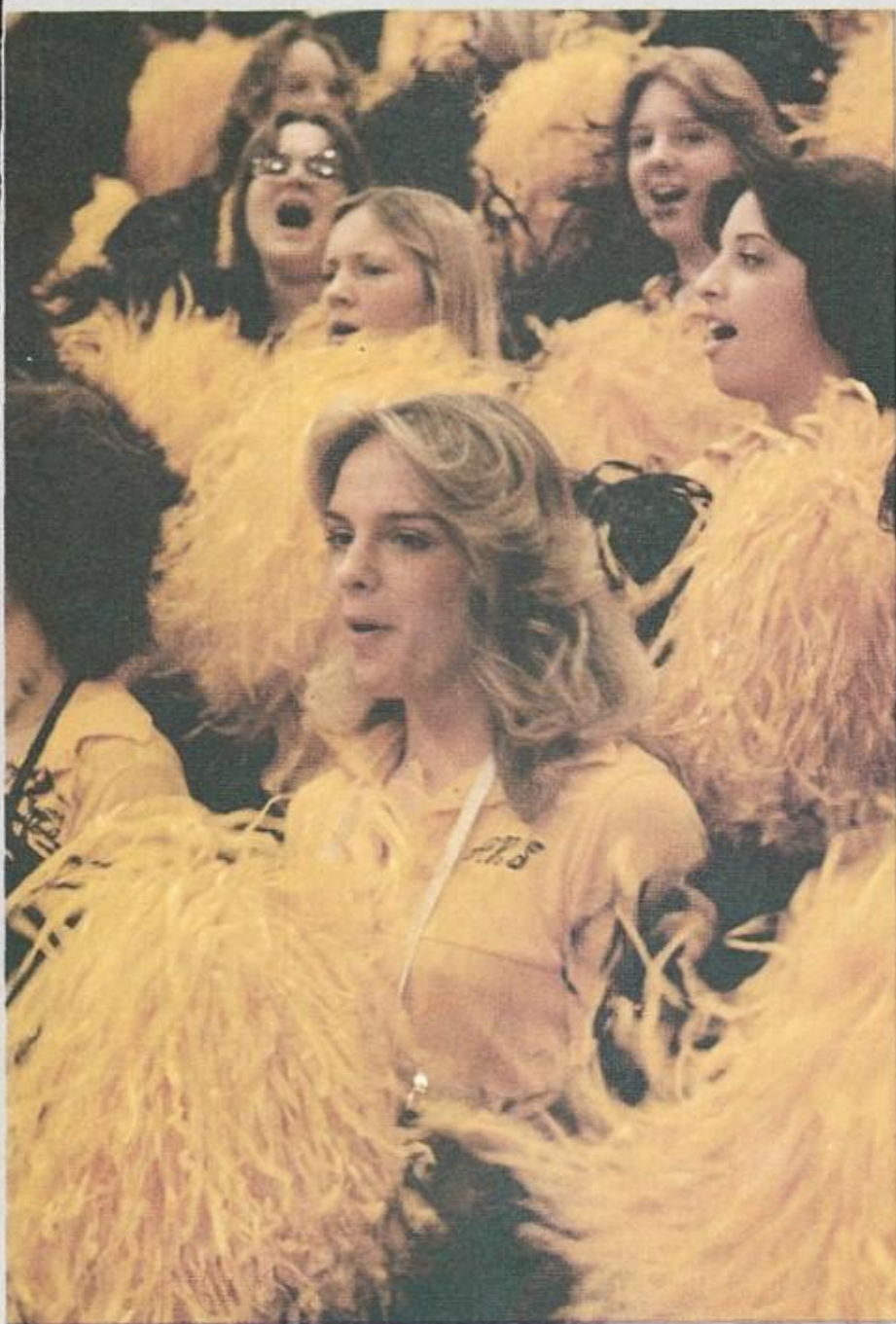


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1. Positioning themselves for the next yell, the AHS cheerleaders examine the surrounding spirit.
2. In an attempt to arouse excitement, Matt Craig displays a new addition to Abilene High, spirit flags.
3. Remnants of the overwhelming spirit of Homecoming are scattered about the gym as Eagle Squad members try to establish its former appearance.
4. Braving a cold November night Marcus Brecheen and Ron Heatherly participate in the second annual torch light pep rally.
5. Always on hand to lead spirit to the extremes, Bold Gold presents an array of energetic life at Abilene High.
6. Sighs serve as evident reminders of the energetic student body.



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Hard work ends in laudable production

Eagle feelings came alive in the Abilene High auditorium as sophomores, juniors and seniors dazzled the audience with spectacular performances. The Eighth Annual Sing Song was definitely more than just an activity in October, it served as the major competition between the three classes at AHS.

Before its October 26 presentation, many hours of planning and preparation went into making Sing Song 1978 a highlight of Homecoming week.

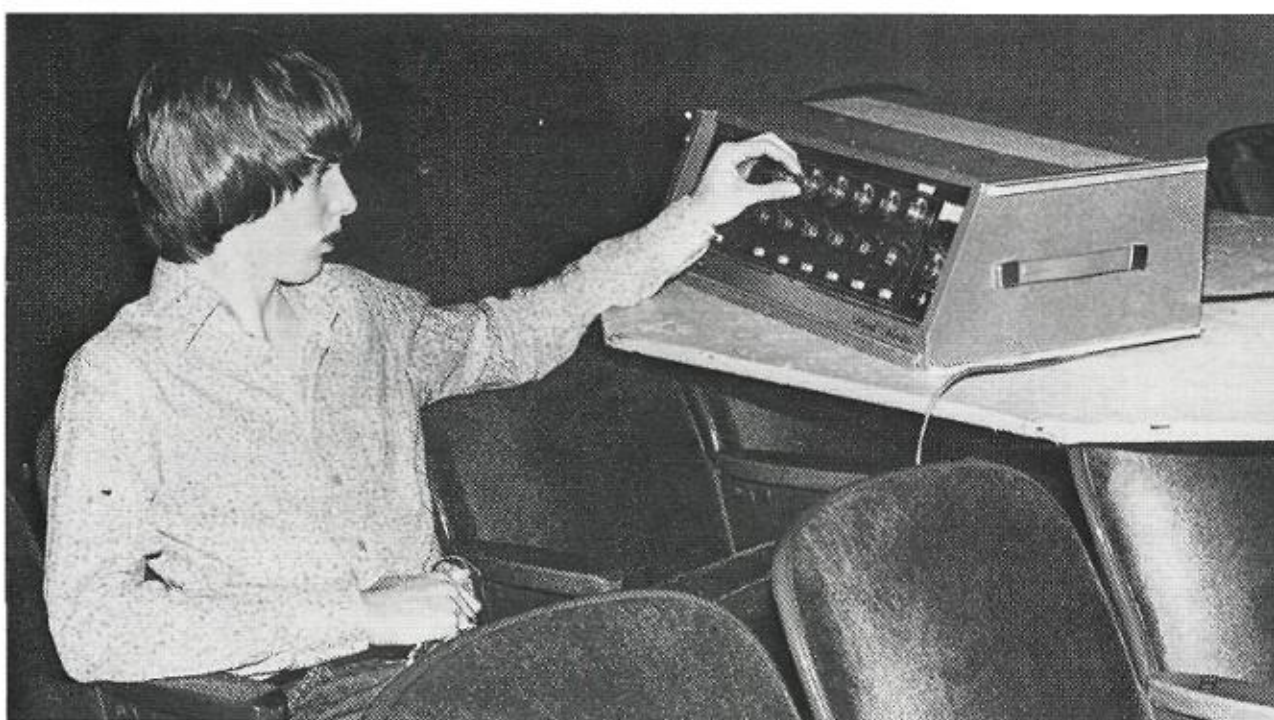
An initial step was the selection of four students who would become the show's hosts and hostesses. Tryouts were held on September 14 in the auditorium. From a turnout of twenty-four students, Clay Hale, Terri Hawkins, Randy Story and Dorothy McFarland were chosen as performers. Music was then selected to showcase the hosts' and hostesses' talents.

Tryouts for student directors followed on the next day with Matt Craig and Michelle Derrick being appointed.

With Sing Song only weeks away, long hours of rehearsals and endless preparations began. Many rehearsals were held at various locations around town on week nights and even over weekends. Most students spent a good portion of their day in all-around preparation for the Sing Song presentation.

Finally, students received their one and only chance to see each other's performances at dress rehearsal two nights before the actual show.

Coordinated by Mr. Wes Odell, Sing Song included a tremendous amount of time and hard work on the part of over 200 of Abilene High's students. Limited to a budget of \$1,000, the production was proclaimed a fabulous success.



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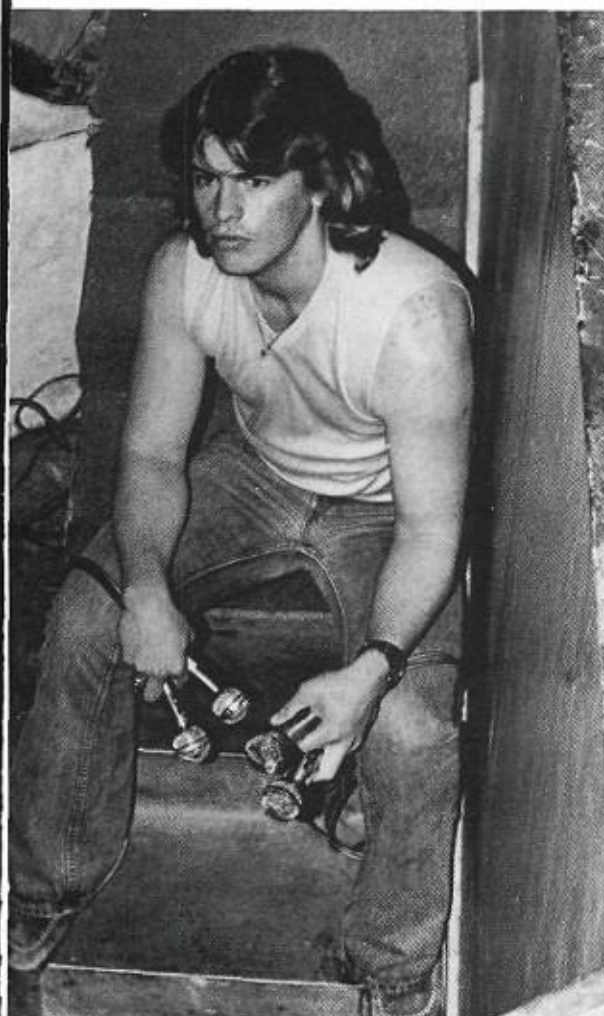
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Myra Cumby
Steve Currie
Tommy Dabney
Mary Dail
Cyndi Dambach
Shelia Daniels



Deana Dannenberg
Laura Darnell
David Davidson
Cecelia Davis
Lana Davis
Randy Davis





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1. Adjusting the level of sound quality and tone, Greg Ray coordinates action with light and sound.
2. Pausing a moment before handing up microphones to performers, James Tally listens for the important cue.
3. The selling of tickets by Student Council members Naka Hernandez and Martha Pittman, determines the success of the production even before curtain time.
4. Memorization of directions with final

checks on choreography and costumes represents a few problems encountered by Sing Song directors Matt Craig and Michelle Derrick.

5. Evaluating production from all angles, Matt Craig climbs toward the catwalk to get a total aerial view of the stage.

6. Stage crew members adjust angles and intensity of light areas to help create atmosphere for Sing Song selections.



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Russell Davis
Danny Deanda
James DeLaCruz
Maria DeLeon
Rosa Delgado
Thomas DeLuna

Lesa Dentler
Grace Depew
Michelle Derrick
Chuck Dubose
Betty Dudley
Rose Duffy



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1. Dashing toward the goal line, Reggie Fields, leading rusher in District 5-4A alludes the Odessa High defenders.
2. Homecoming pep rally preparations psyche up the Eagle players and students against the Odessa Broncos.
3. The proud display of Donna Cook's Homecoming mums serves as the perfect pose for sideline enthusiasm.
4. Awaiting the announcement of the three semi-finalists for the Homecoming Queen, the band stands expectantly.
5. Contemplating every girl's dream, Jamie Farmer looks ahead after being crowned 1978 Homecoming Queen.
6. Starting an exciting game, Mike Jones explodes through the crash sign, leading the Eagle football team on their way to another victory.
7. The support of the Black and Gold side of Shotwell Stadium displays evidence of the hopeful Eagle victory.

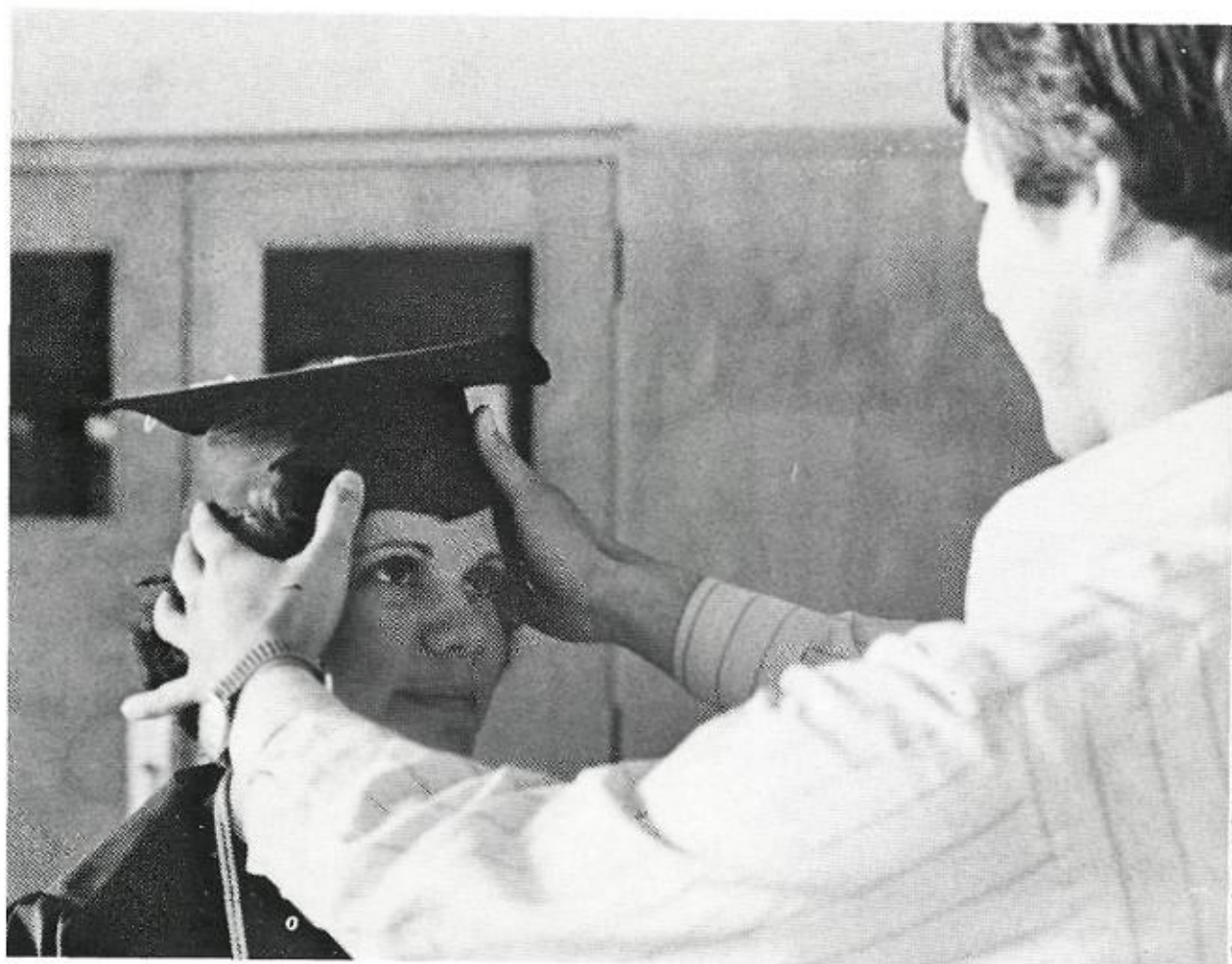
Seniors continue to uphold ancient roles

Finally it happened. Students reached the status of becoming a senior. Each person had experienced trials and tribulations through elementary and junior high school in order to reach their seemingly unattainable goal. When the high school level was reached there was still the effort of completing the sophomore and junior levels before the final year began.

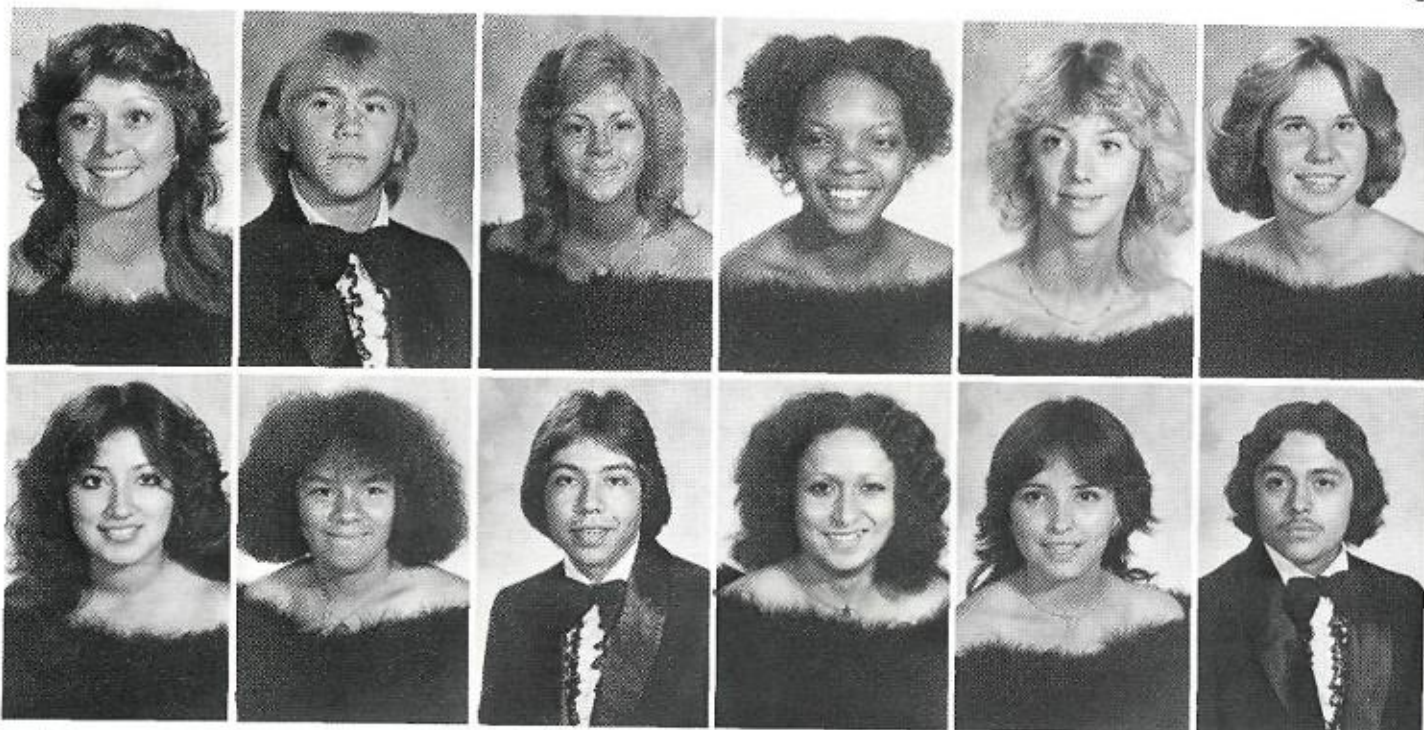
The newly acquired status contributed to a large proportion of changes in the students' characteristics. A spark of enthusiasm awakened as the seniors of 1979 were led by their peers, the officers of the senior class.

Stepping into a previously molded form, seniors expressed a new awakening in the class. As a class they participated in traditional events and created new ones to fit contemporary ideas and styles. Taking time out from summer activities, seniors began their new role with the taking of senior portraits, a task anxiously awaited by most hoping to capture an appearance that might never be seen again.

Soon after the opening of school came the traditional senior class breakfast held at McDonalds at the start of district football play. A magnitude of seniors, displaying both spirit and hunger turned out for the event. The spirit so widely acclaimed, came to be a distinct evidence that the once apathetic junior class were seniors, and all signs of unconcern had vanished.



Terri Freeman
Greg Futrell
Wendy Gage
Carol Gaines
Lori Gallaway
Sherry Gallimore



Carmen Garcia
Estella Garcia
Felix Garcia
Josie Garcia
Norma Garcia
Robert Garcia



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1. Getting ready to have her picture taken, Regina Black waits expectantly as photographer Wayne Henington adds the final touches.

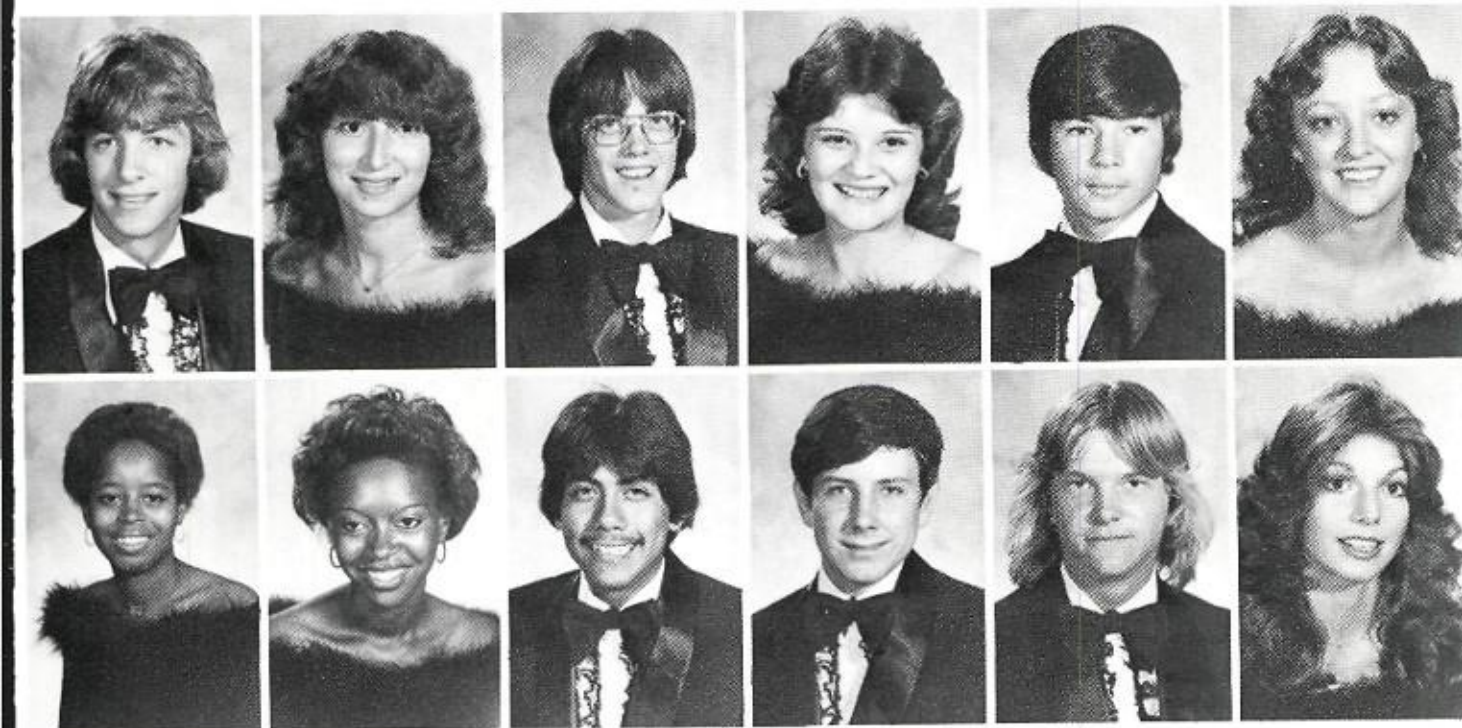
2. *Senior officers.* FRONT ROW: Myra Cumby (reporter), Tammy Cook (secretary/treasurer), Carla Hunt (student Council representative). BACK ROW: Phil Boone (president), Greg Solomon (vice president).

3. As leaders of the student body, seniors enjoy participating in the singing of their school song during the Midland Lee pep rally.

4. Carrying on in the tradition of the senior breakfast, Margaret Guerra and Angela Martin symbolically eat more beef.



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Mitch Gassaway
Donna George
Wade George
Marsha Gibson
Wade Gillum
Laura Glenn

Connie Glover
Resha Glover
Arthur Gonzalez
Charles Grabouski
Mark Grant
Joanne Gray

Preparation toward graduation expensive

One of the earliest indications of the year's end was being measured for caps and gowns and ordering invitations. These tasks often drove the seniors into a frenzy as many released happiness while others felt the frightening prospect of being out on their own to face the world. With the conglomeration of confusion of future hopes and goals, simple routine matters added to the excitement of graduation.

Of course the first step was getting the

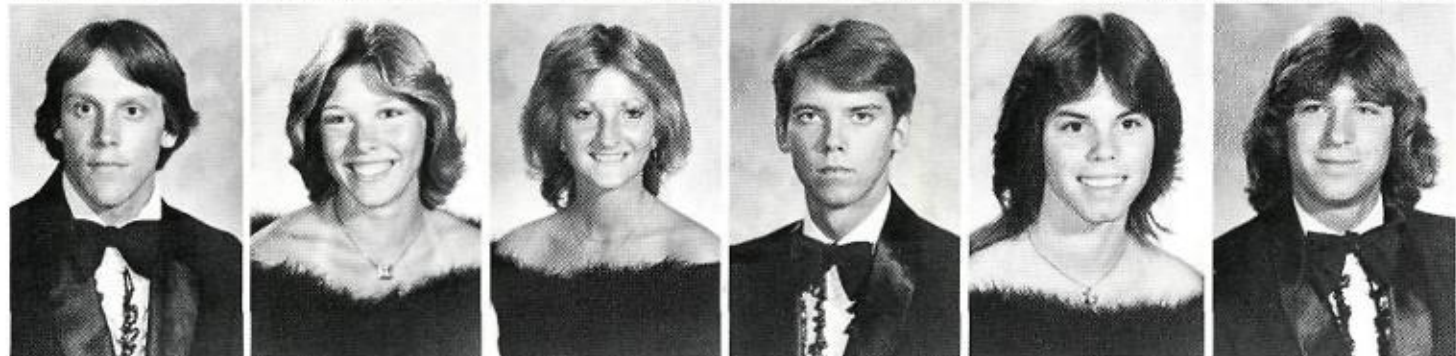
cap and gown fitted. This started early in 1979 on January 16 and 17. The tassels on the graduation caps were changed for the 1979 class from the traditional yellow to mixed black and gold tassels. Invitations were also ordered in anticipation of loved ones being present at the most important day of the student's life. The event marked the beginning of the end—high school graduation.

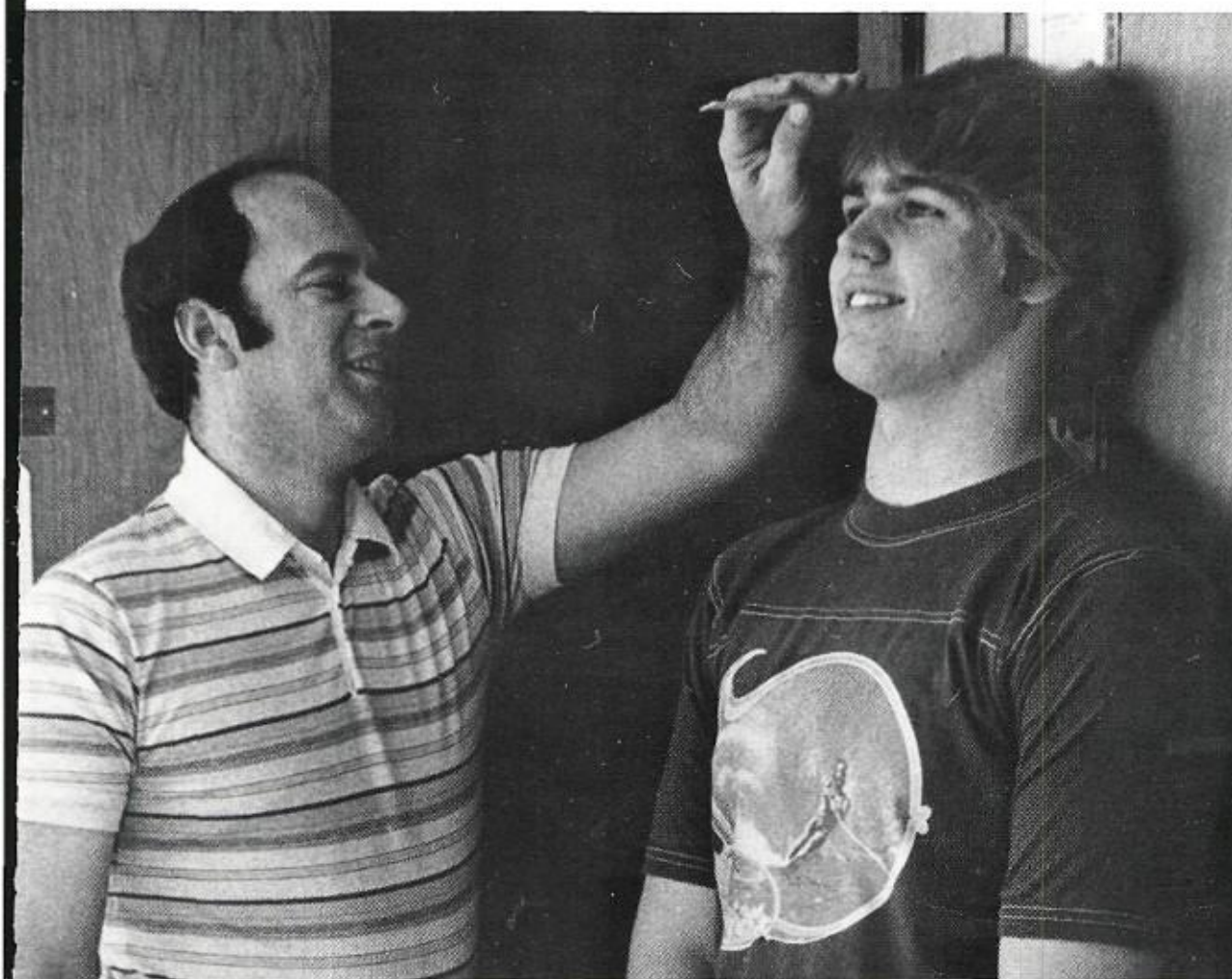


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Robert Griffin
Carol Grissom
Margaret Guerra
Julia Guillen
Cindy Gury



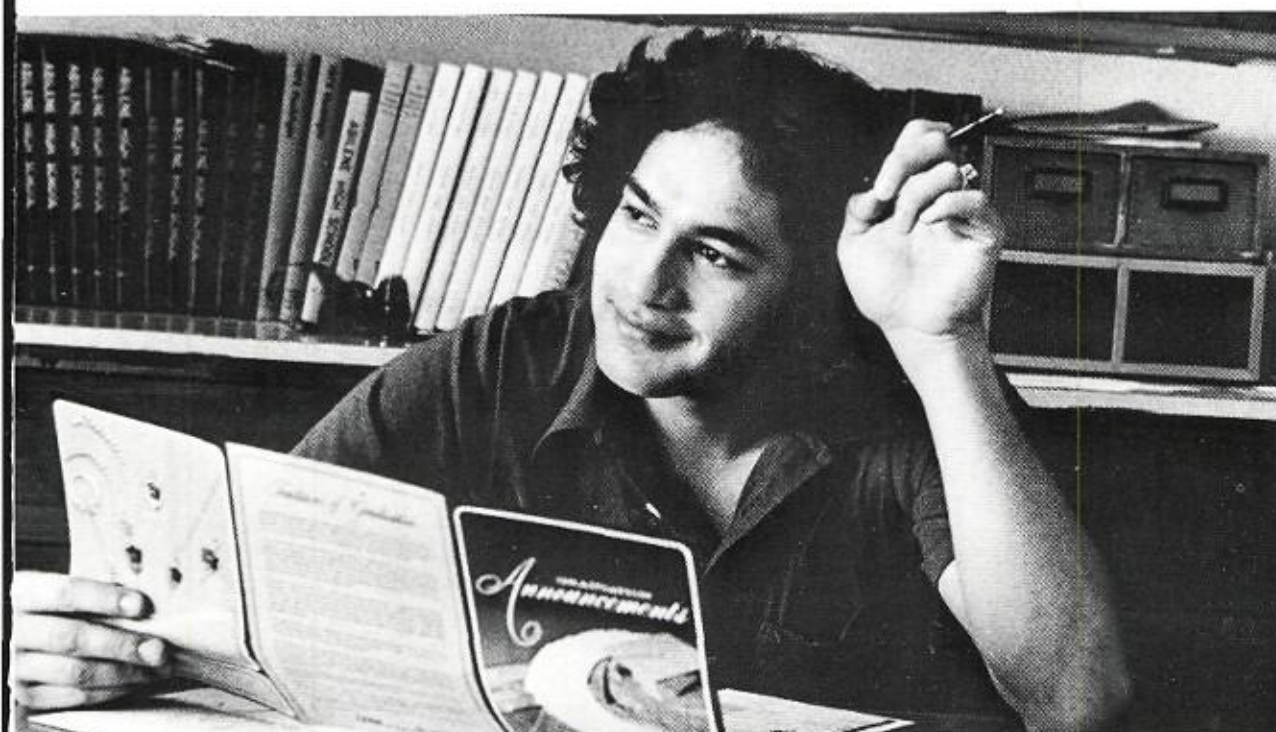
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Deena Hagler
Clay Hale
Tina Hambleton
Monte Hamilton



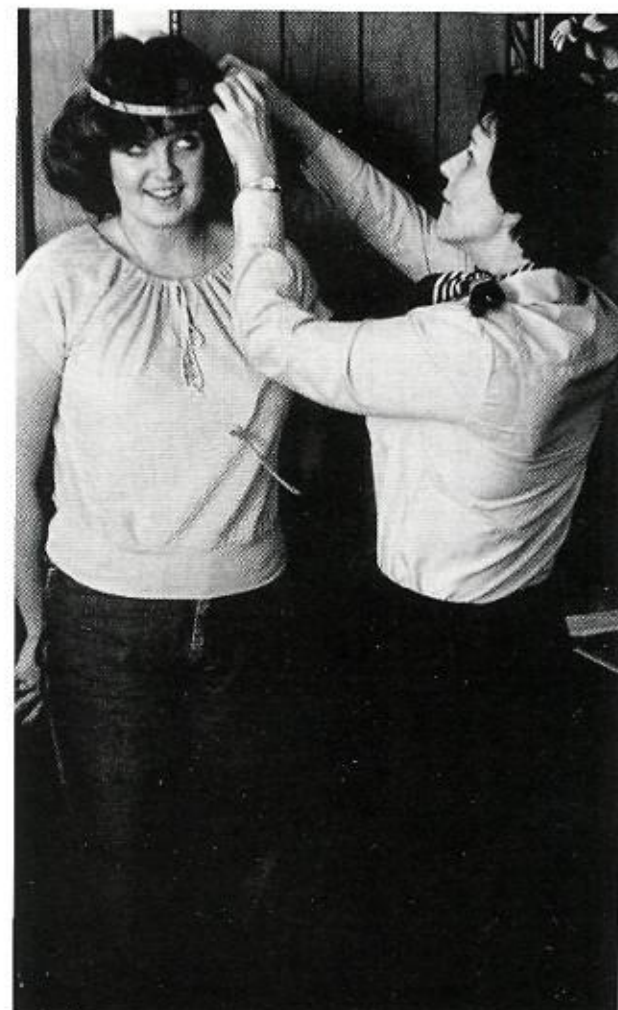


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1. Pondering new times and places, Jere Madison reflects opportunities which the future holds in store.
2. Measuring up to all his senior accomplishments, Tim Baxter anticipates the world of pride on graduation day.
3. Thinking of saying good-bye to school and friends is hard for Robert Vasquez as he orders invitations.
4. As one of the unforgettable characters at Abilene High School, Toni Story patiently gets measured for her graduation cap by Mrs. Barbara Watson.



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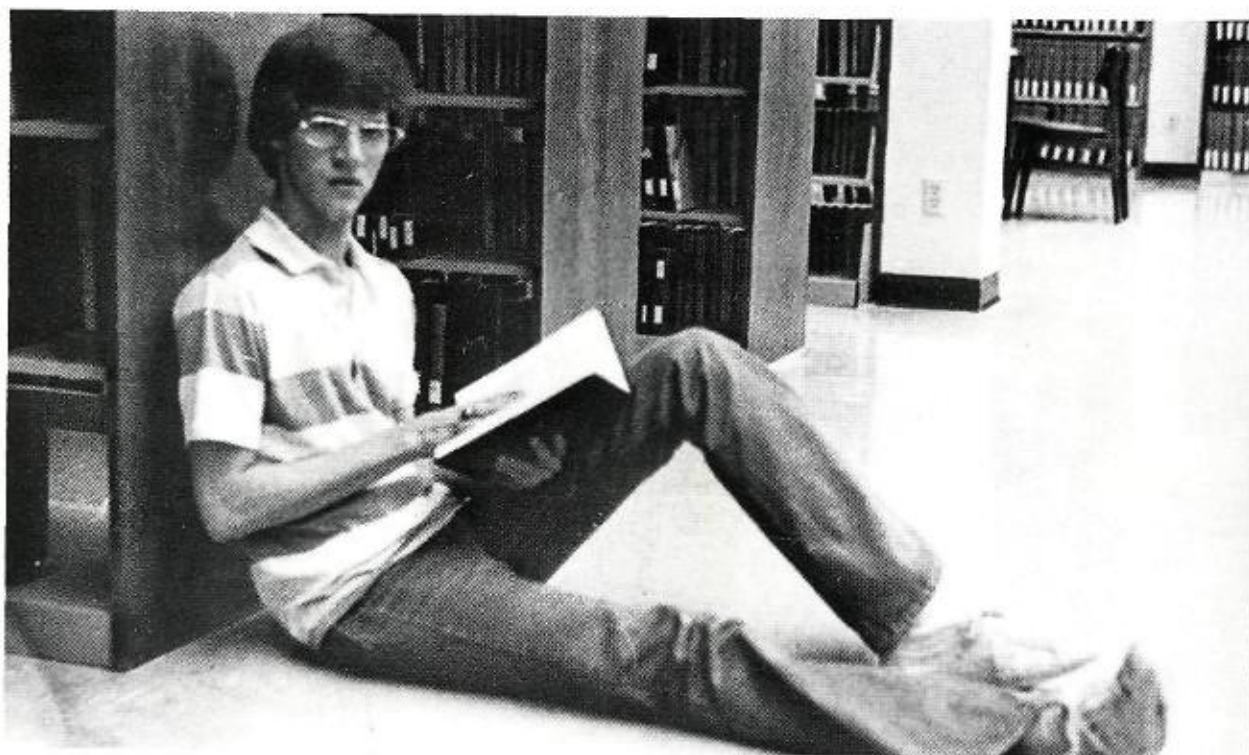
Kenneth Hampton
James Hankins
Bill Hanson
Mitzi Harris
Debbie Harrison
Rocky Hastings

Terri Hawkins
Barbara Hazelton
Duane Hege
J. D. Helm
Tracy Henderson
Ronny Henry

1. Demonstrating the many forms of financial aid available to graduating seniors, Mrs. Marilyn Cluck advises them to attend college.
2. Casually browsing through the library at McMurry College, Jeff Letz surveys a text.
3. Preparing for her future at Oklahoma State, Tanja Watson completes the trail ACT booklet.
4. Recruiting Jill High to Austin College in Sherman, Mrs. Barbara Williams assists her with application forms.
5. Finding information from one of the many colleges at College Night, Greg Futrull decides from pamphlets which is the best to attend.



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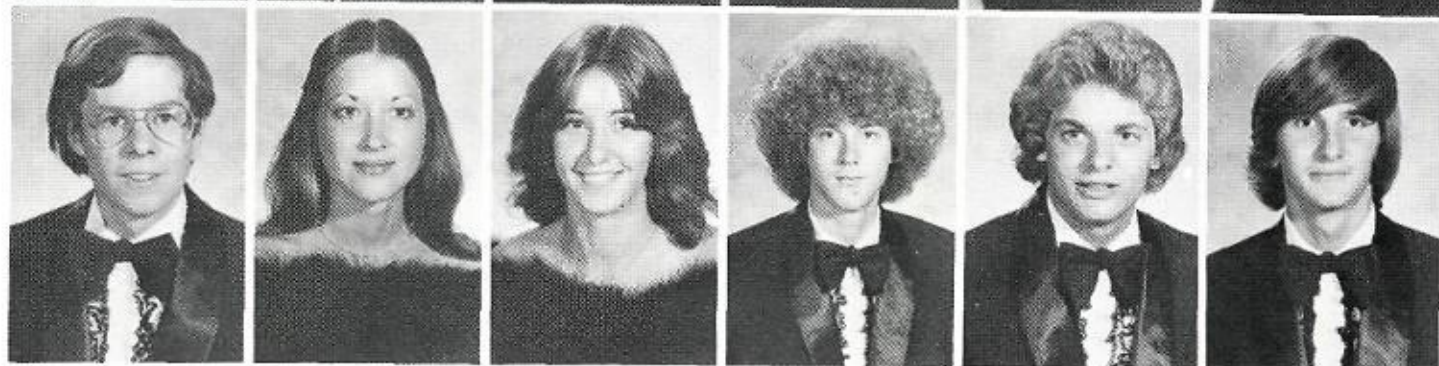


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Gloria Henry
Johnny Hernandez
Christie Higgins
Cynthia Higgins
Jill High
Devra Hoef



Kenneth Hogg
Gwendolyn Holland
Trena Hollums
Jerry Horton
Mike House
Robert Howard



Tests help prepare students for college

Faced with more factual problems, the seniors branched out in an attempt to discover whether college was the path to seek. College Night, held on October 15, at Cooper High gave both juniors and seniors an opportunity to become more informed as to college life, rules, policies and cost. It also made students aware of the many aspects of financial aid available, a major concern for all.

Representatives from Texas colleges and universities were helpful in informing prospective students of the many opportunities that the schools had to offer.

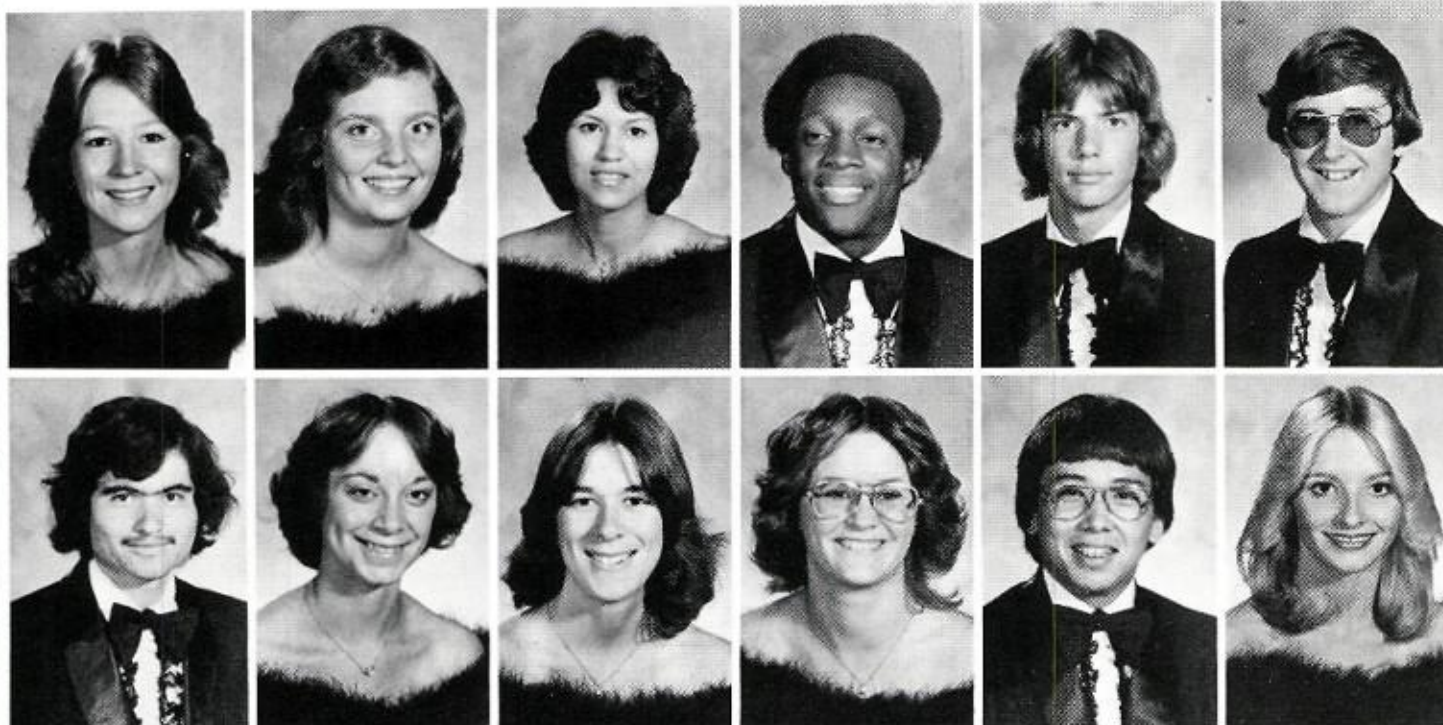
After the decision to attend college was made, students were then faced with entrance procedures. Tests, tests and more tests were required for all entering freshman college students. After preliminary testing through the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) during the junior year, seniors continued their testing by taking the ACT (American College Testing) and the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test). Taken at area high schools and universities, these tests were indications of past or future accomplishments.

Although most seniors were unaware of it, they were allowed two excused absences from school to visit a college or university. Some students took advantage to travel out of town to compare schools such as Texas Tech in Lubbock, University of Texas at Austin or San Angelo State University at San Angelo.

After choosing a college, seniors faced the tasks of filling out forms and applications. Decisions concerning where to live, what to choose as a major and how to pay had once seemed remote and distant. These choices were just the first of many which seniors at Abilene High had to make to determine their future.



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Carla Hunt
Debraoh Jackson
Carol Jaramillo
Mike Jeffries
Mark Jensen
Keith Jackson

Juan Jimenez
Danette Johnson
Jan Johnson
Lisa Johnson
Stuart Johnson
Tracie Johnson

Students labor to finance amusements

"Yes, may I help you."

"Thank you." "Come back and see us."

Sound familiar? The average working teenager never misunderstood the familiar courtesy needed for after school job success. Following national trends, a very large percent of the Abilene youth were involved in the field of employment. Jobs existed in many forms for the Abilene High students including bank tellers, oilfield workers, secretarial workers, and most often, fast food servers.

Amazingly, students who were already involved in a variety of community and school activities found time to work. Of course when asked, the youth would surely reply that attending school during the day and handling a job after school and on weekends was a difficult task. But as inflation quickly dissolved available funds, an after school job came in handy in spite of the long hours required.

Many students were minors and could not be particular in choosing a job since they stood near the bottom of the labor force. Most inexperienced young people were found working in the fast food industry which seemed to be the heaviest field for employment. Pizza, hamburgers, and tacos became their specialties as financial success became a reality.

Yet a job plus school took a lot of time and energy and often took away time for fun and games. Working every day reduced the time for school involvement and homework. Although most teachers seem to realize the struggle, few showed pity for the student seeking financial independence.

Seemingly impossible, the tasks of work and school were accomplished as Abilene High students gave the time and effort to work in order to make money while they hoped to finish their three years of high school.



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Lon Jones
Mike Jones
Andra Jones
Randy Josselet
Nellie Juarez
Aleta Kammerer



Kim Kamert
Karen Kent
James Kilpatrick
Jerrie Kimbrough
Sammye King
Karen Knight





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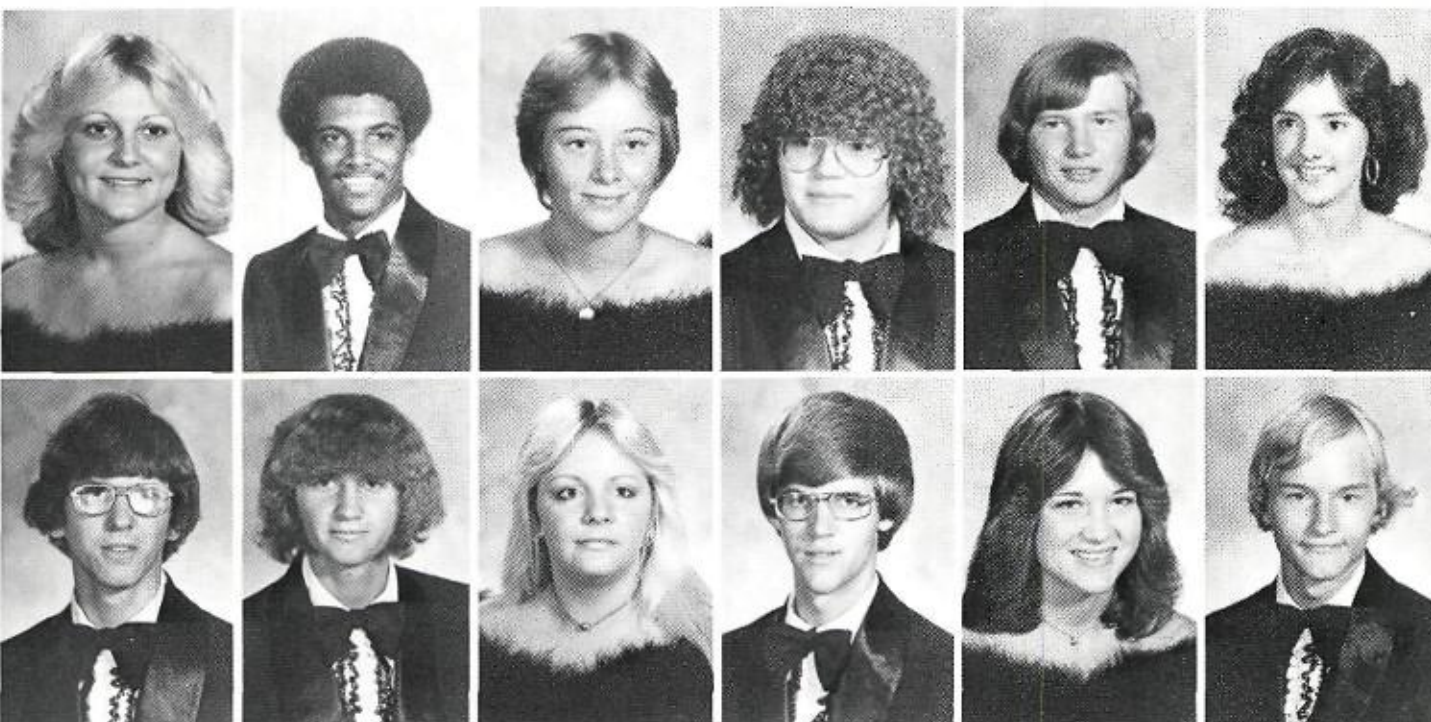
1. Keeping his concentration on his job, Brian Rich loads a truck at K-Mart.
2. With looks of renewed determination, Kimberly Thorp and D'Ann Winters prepare for the rush hours at Orange Julius.
3. Selling cosmetics and gift-wrapping is part of Johnnie Parker's job at Sav-x.
4. Memories of past Halloweens pop into Terri Straton's head as she displays one of the masks at Joke and Magic land in West-gate Mall.
5. With a friendly smile, Diane Hester rings up the blue light specials as customers check out at K-Mart.
6. With more heads than she can handle, Andrae Haddis grooms her favorite.



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Becky Lackey
Buck Land
Jana Lane
Chris Lathrop
Bryan Lawrence
Stacy Leeth

Danny Lemond
Darrall Lemond
Patty Lester
Jeff Letz
Debra Lewis
Stern Lindsay

1. During a song, Miss Sherry Hansen waits while Steve Winkler debates his next move for the air.

2. Cautiously reading his lines, senior Buck Land completes senior radio day at 1:00 a. m. Sunday.

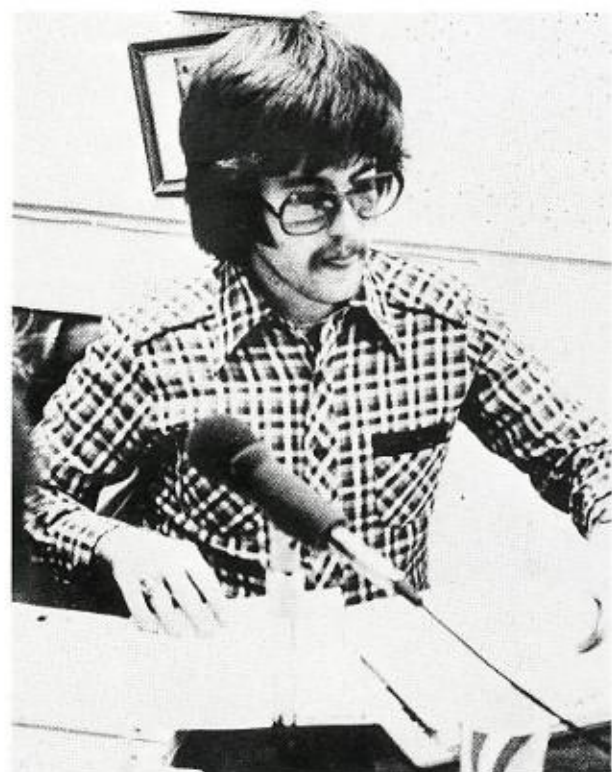
3. Ads are as much a part of KRBC senior radio day as records, as John Sherman finds out during his tenure of KRBC.

4. Anticipating their cue, Tim Broyles and Kathleen Thompson work as D. J.'s for senior radio day.

5. Amused at some of senior radio day's many D. J.'s, Rudy Fernandez and Devra Hoef watch from the broadcasting booth.



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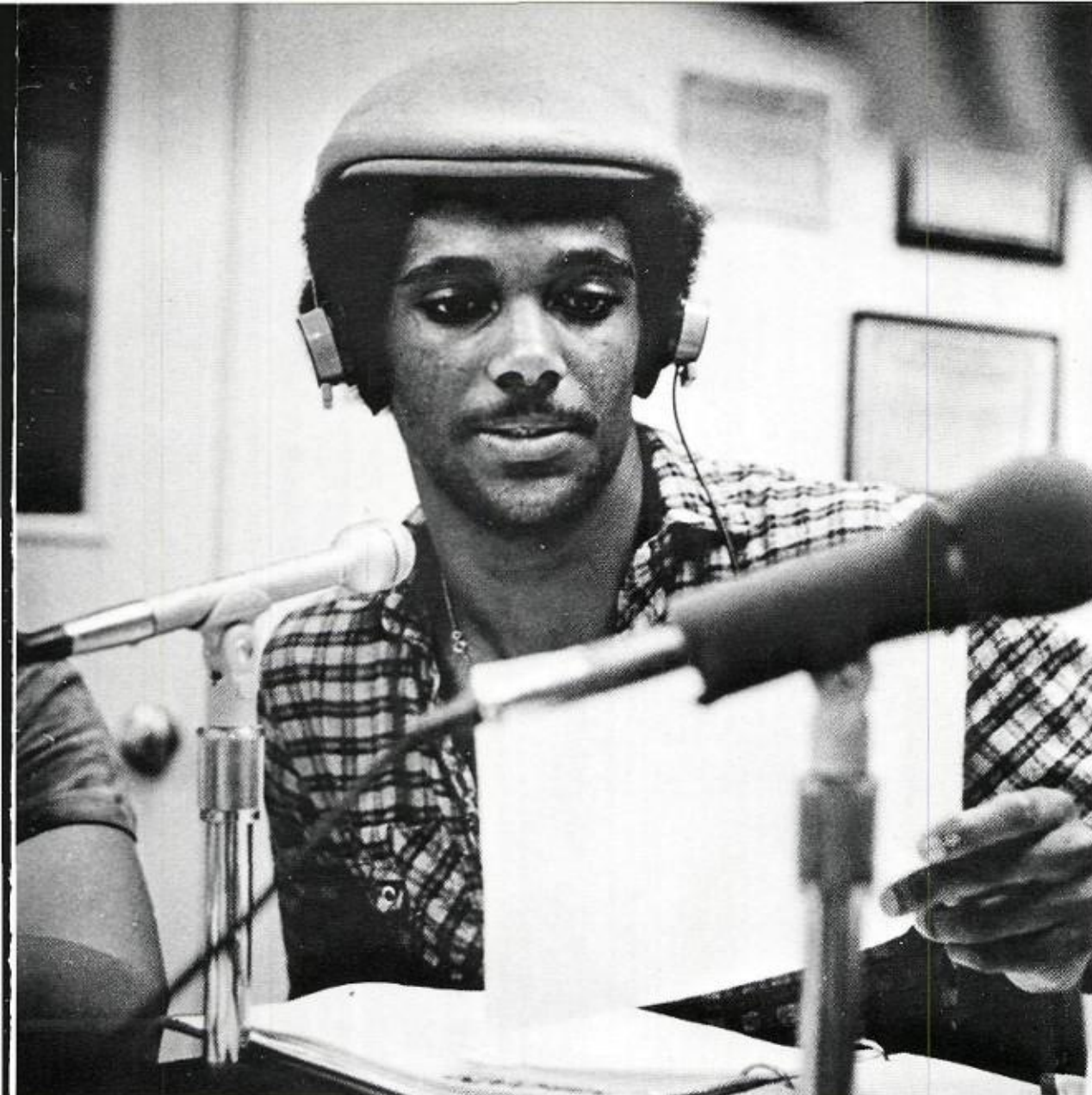
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Douglas Lloyd
Leisha Logston
Arlene Lopez
Ben Lopez
Cindy Love
Henry Loza



Lisa McCallister
Charlotte McGee
Donna McGhaha
Michelle McKeever
Dee McLaughlin
Teresa Macks





'You're on the air!'

"That was our last dedication of the hour, and now for a word from our sponsor."

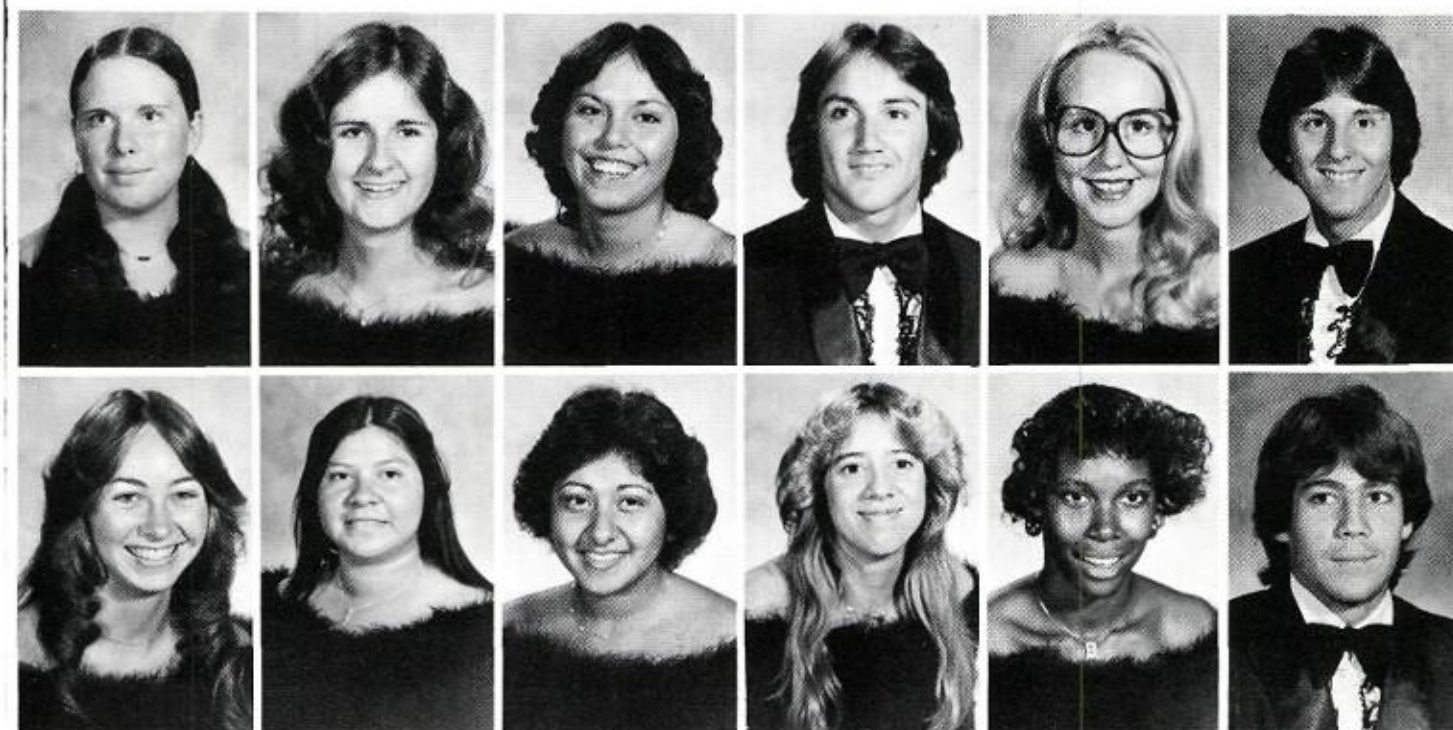
"Wow, there's more to this radio station than I expected. Is that next turntable ready?"

Being given a major radio station like KRBC for a day, kept AHS seniors busy for a month. Preparation started at the first of January for senior radio day to be held on February 3.

The Class of '79 began by selling ads to any and all businesses around Abilene that would buy them. After some discussion, it was decided to exclude liquor stores. Other duties included writing commercials and typing. The search for D. J.'s began. Tryouts for this coveted position were held before and after school in the speech room. To qualify the senior had to have sold ads. Disc jockeys were divided into groups and assigned one hour of air time. Student written commercials delighted and entertained listeners as AHS controlled the radio waves from 1:00 p. m. until 1:00 a. m.

Sales for the event were highly successful with the grand total being \$2,336. This amount broke the record at KRBC for the most sales ever made for any previous radio day. These funds were used for senior activities including the first senior prom ever held at Abilene High, the annual senior picnic and the senior Six Flags trip.

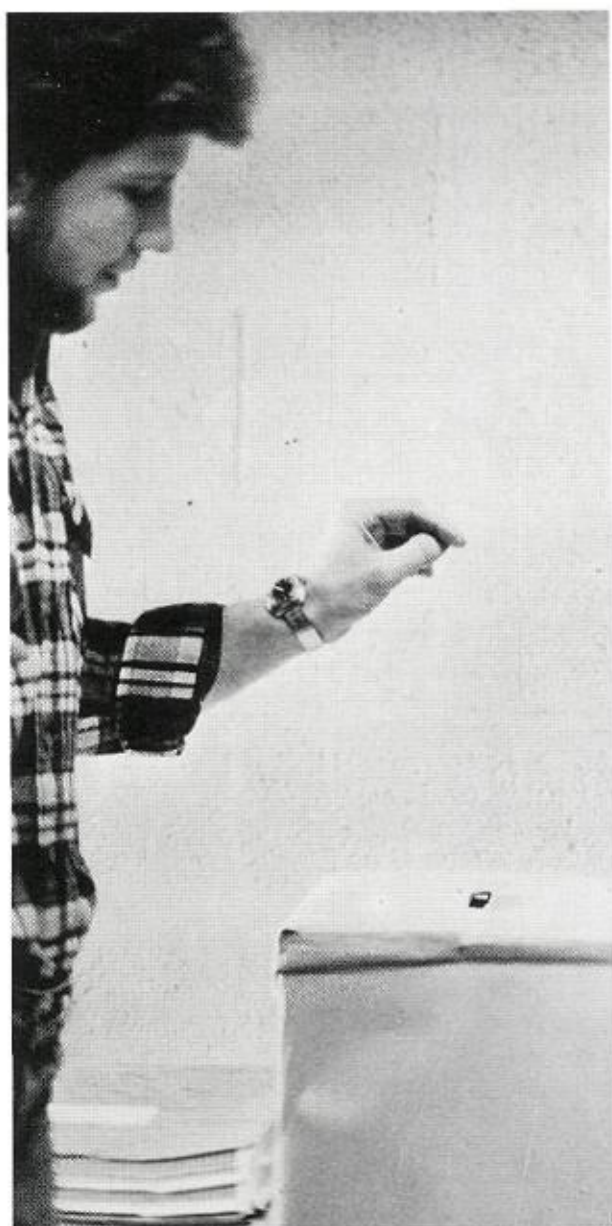
The class of '79 concluded February 3 with the most successful senior radio day ever held.



Jere Madison
Lucy Magress
Anite Marquez
Joe Marquez
Anjela Martin
David Martin

Kathy Martin
Christina Martinez
Norma Martinez
Jan Masters
Brenda Matthews
Robert Meen

1. Taking his newly earned part in government, eighteen-year-old Carl Payne drops his ballot in the voting box.
2. Later elected as the first republican governor in Texas in 106 years, candidate Bill Clements speaks at an Abilene press conference.
3. Teaching one of her U. S. government classes, Mrs. Nelda Macon explains the importance of governmental functions.
4. While visiting AHS to gain student support, candidate Bill Fisher discusses politics with Mr. Lynn Nichols, dean of students.



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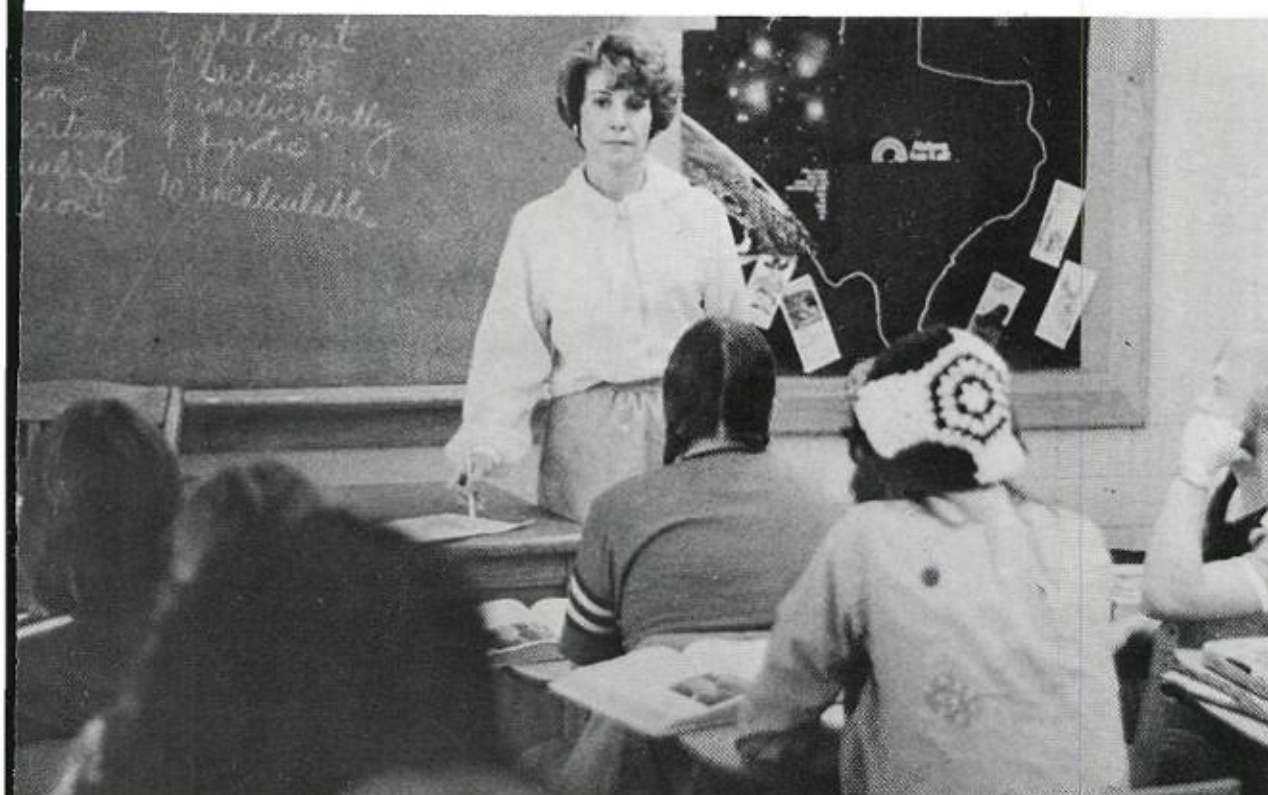
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Sandra Meza
Jill Middleton
Polly Mills
Chuck Mitchell
Steve Mitchell
Oscar Molina



Jay Monreal
Linda Montez
Bill Morris
Robby Morris
Robert Mowry
Daphne Munson





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AHS plays politics

Vote Tower . . . Vote Stenholm . . .
Vote Thompson . . . Vote Clements . . .

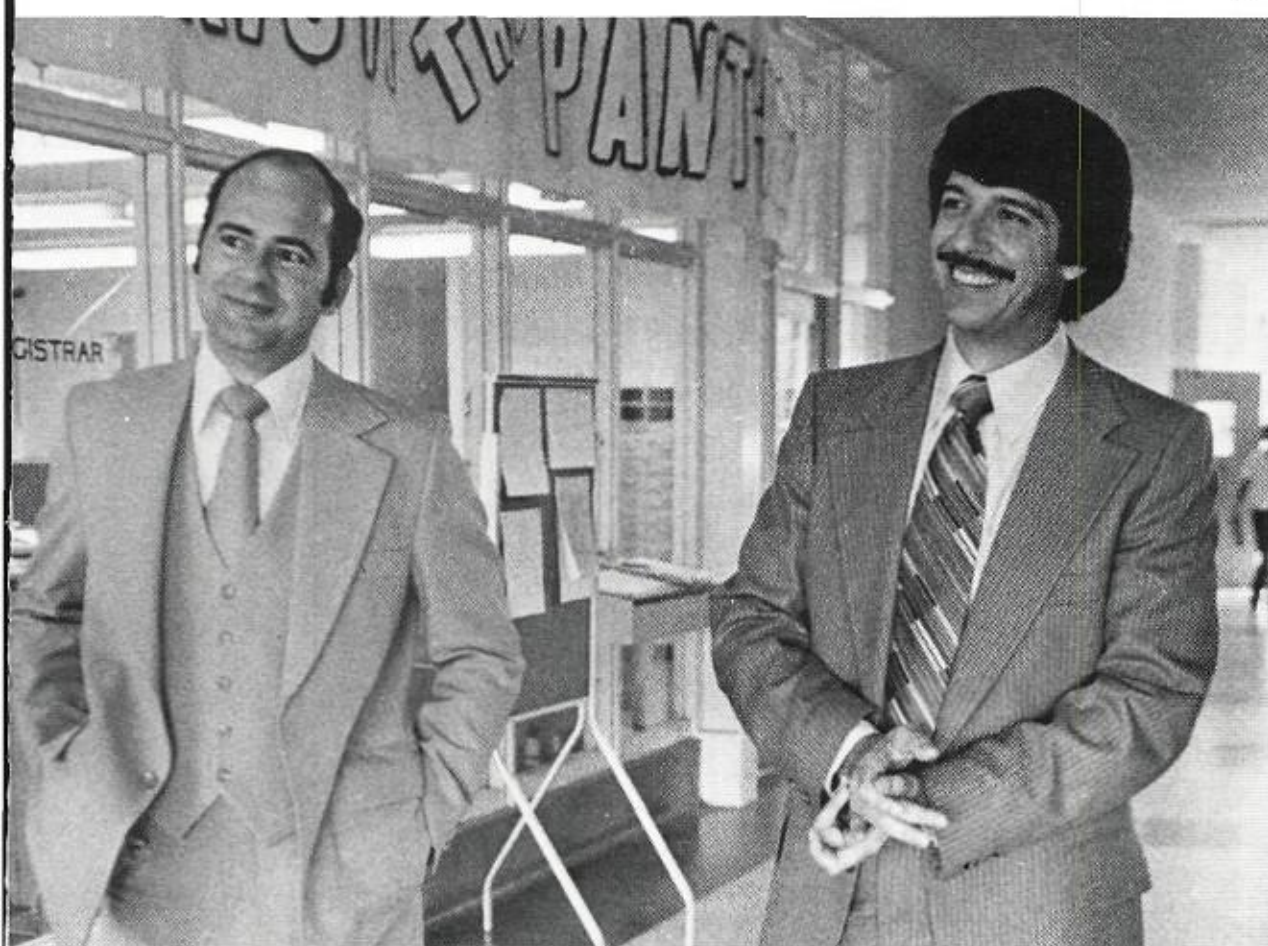
The promises made and slogans coined seemed only to confuse a basically apathetic voting minority of Abilene High School eighteen year olds.

An Abilene High government teacher, Mrs. Nelda Macon stated that one of many class projects the students had a choice of completing was participating in a political campaign.

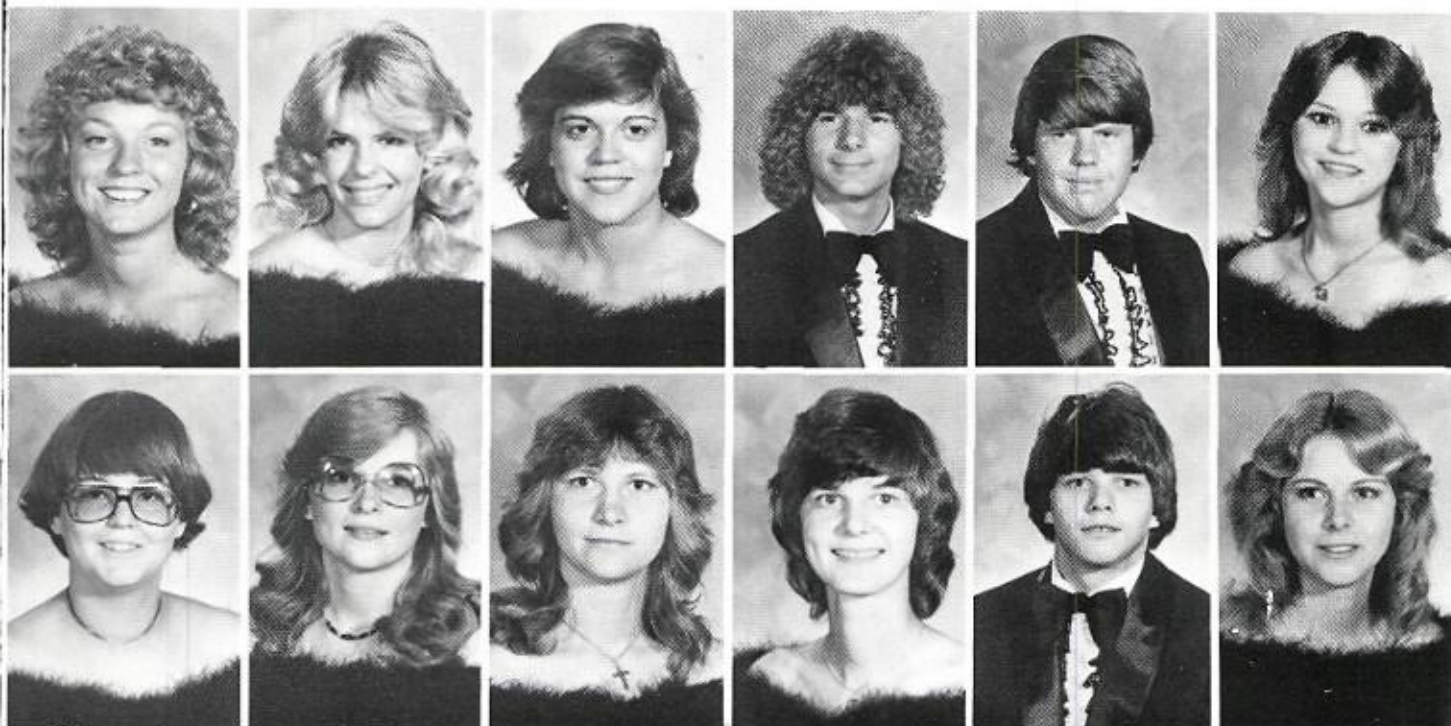
Government students began as early as the spring of 1978 to work in political campaigns. Many chose to continue working in the primaries for candidate representatives to the 17th Congressional District.

Students once introduced into the political process found that addiction to participation rapidly followed. Interest in their candidates prompted them to attend rallies and public appearances by the candidates they were supporting even after their projects were finished. Some students attended dinners to support their candidates. These students worked by parking cars, distributing literature and doing just about anything which was needed. In return for their hard work, they occasionally received a free meal or more often a hardy "thank you."

By actively participating in the political process, many Abilene High students discovered another part of the American way of life.



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Ann Muzechenko
Samie Myrick
Sheila Neblock
Jerry Newman
Jerry Newton
Charlotte Noble

Marie Noe
Rose Nolting
Virginia Norrell
Angela Northrup
Monty Oates
Christina Offrina

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With the opponents shouting "demon rum" and proponents proclaiming "more revenue," the over 40-year-old battle for liquor sales turned into an old-fashioned mud-slinging political fight. With prodigious amounts of door knocking and phone calling, each side tried valiantly to convert the public to the righteousness of their side. In the final sumation, however, the wet side came out on top.

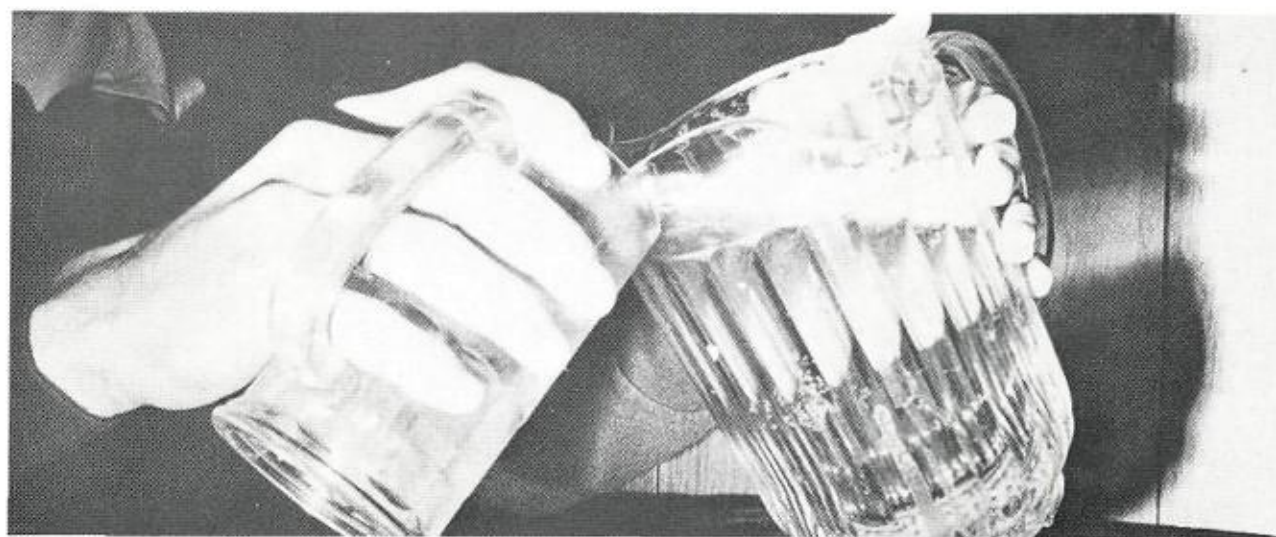
With the new laws, many students found themselves laid off or had their duties restricted due to the 18-year-old serving law. With the laws prohibiting people under 18 years old from serving or buying alcoholic beverages, many faced temptation. Parents became worried that their children would be influenced to drink at a younger age. However by the end of the school year, high school drinking seemed no more or less a problem than in times past.

While the opposing factions were slugging it out over the wet-dry issue, the

weather truly became wet. In August of 1978, the skies opened up and a contemporary version of the flood came forth. Abilene streets were curb deep in the rusty running water.

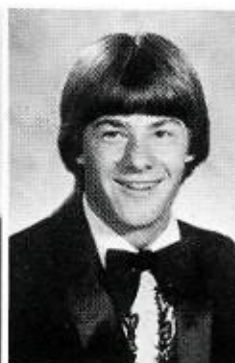
Higher places suffered only continual rain; however, lower areas were transformed into a virtual inland sea. For some in the lower areas leaving was the only answer. When the water subsided, flood damage became a serious problem as many people returned to their homes to clean up. Eventually, alleviation came in the form of disaster relief.

Between drought, flood, fire, famine, elections, earthquakes and general life, the students of AHS survived. The memorable year, 1978-'79 remained a year of extremes from wet to dry from dry to wet. All in all, AHS students showed a remarkable sense of versatility and adaptability to the problems of a changing west Texas society.

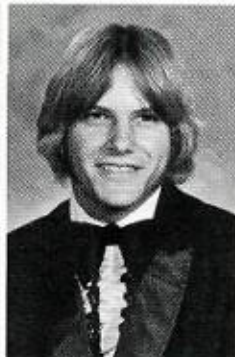


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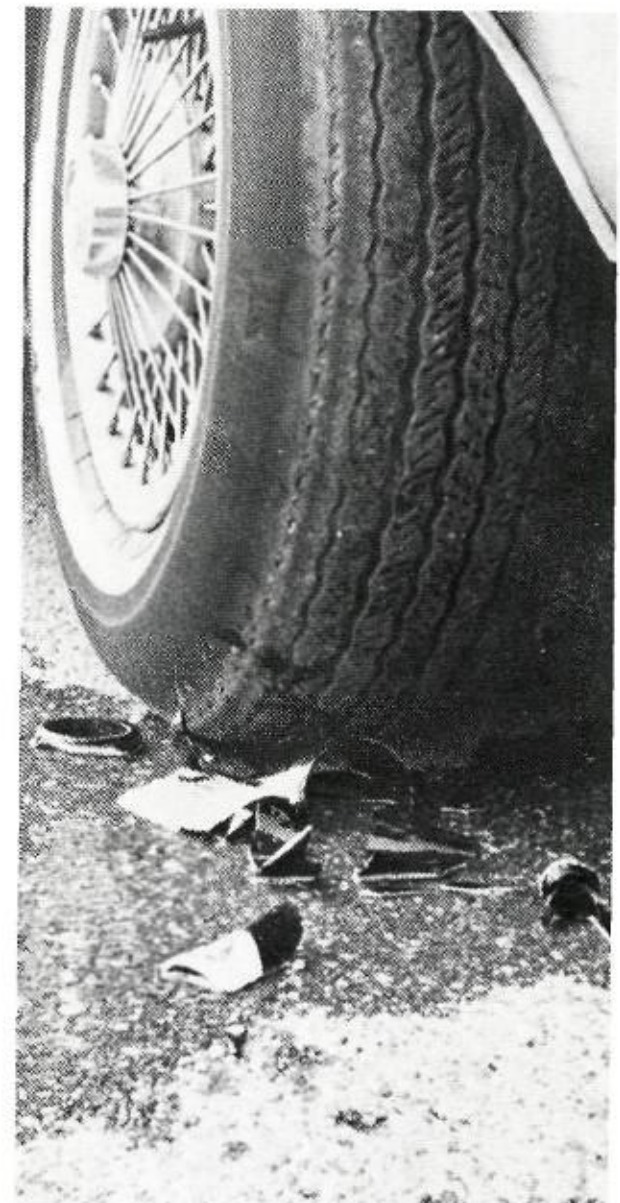
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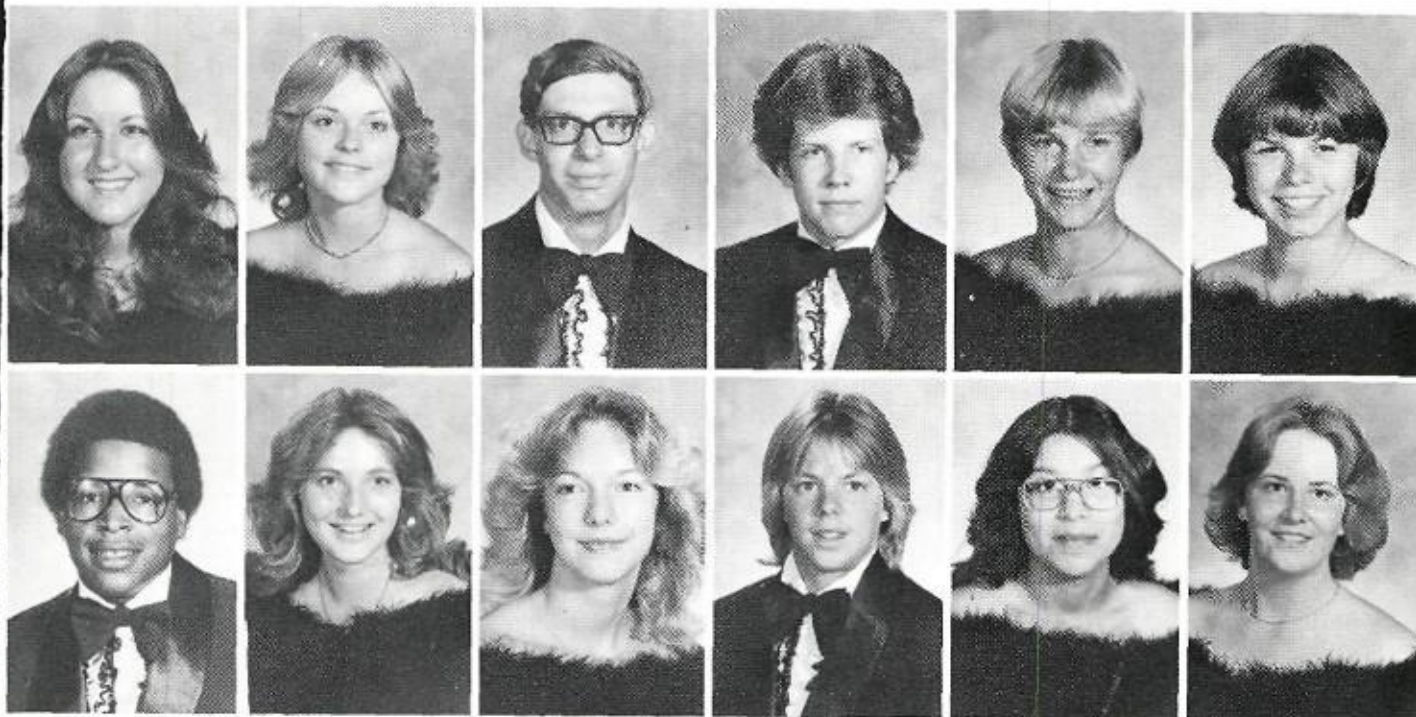


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1. More readily available since the 1978 election, alcoholic beverages show up where students regularly socialize.
2. Engulfed by rising waters, Jeff Monroe becomes victimized by record breaking amounts of rainfall during August of 1978.
3. Faced with weighing the pros and cons of adult responsibilities, young people of AHS are challenged by changing lifestyles.



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Cheryl Parrot
Karen Patterson
George Paxton
Carl Payne
Karen Pekowski
Pam Pekowski

David Perry
Susan Peters
Joy Petty
Mark Phelps
Nora Pinon
Martha Pittman

National crises increase higher than prices

As the events of 1978-'79 made the national news, they each in turn affected the lives of AHS students. Jim Jones' cult of death, inflation, airplane crashes, Camp David, the ERA, the CIA, test tube babies, the death of Nelson Rockefeller, and the pardon of Patty Hearst were just a few events which took the attention of the nation and in turn, the attention of students. These events emphasized the world of reality by interrupting daily life. Whenever a magazine or newspaper appeared, whenever a radio or television was turned on, the harsh reality of national events faced students.

Emerging from California, cult leader Rev. Jim Jones wrought his own paranoid apocalypse in the jungle of Guyana by first triggering the assassinations of a Congressman and major media representatives. Next Jones led more than 900 of his believers in a mass poisoning suicide. The idealistic dream of hundreds of cultists turned into a hellish nightmare as men, women and children died.

Trying to save the dollar, while risking a recession, President Jimmy Carter's anti-inflation program was criticized throughout the nation. While higher interest rates stirred fears of at least a mild recession during 1979, the administration hoped that the political backlash would not be too damaging. However, Jimmy Carter's popularity was born again after thirteen days at Camp David where he fashioned a framework for peace in the struggling Middle East. Carter's position among Americans was once

again questioned during the early days of 1979 when he stated that newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst needed no further rehabilitation. Carter granted executive clemency freeing Miss Hearst, perhaps the nation's most celebrated federal prisoner, and commuted her seven year sentence for bank robbery.

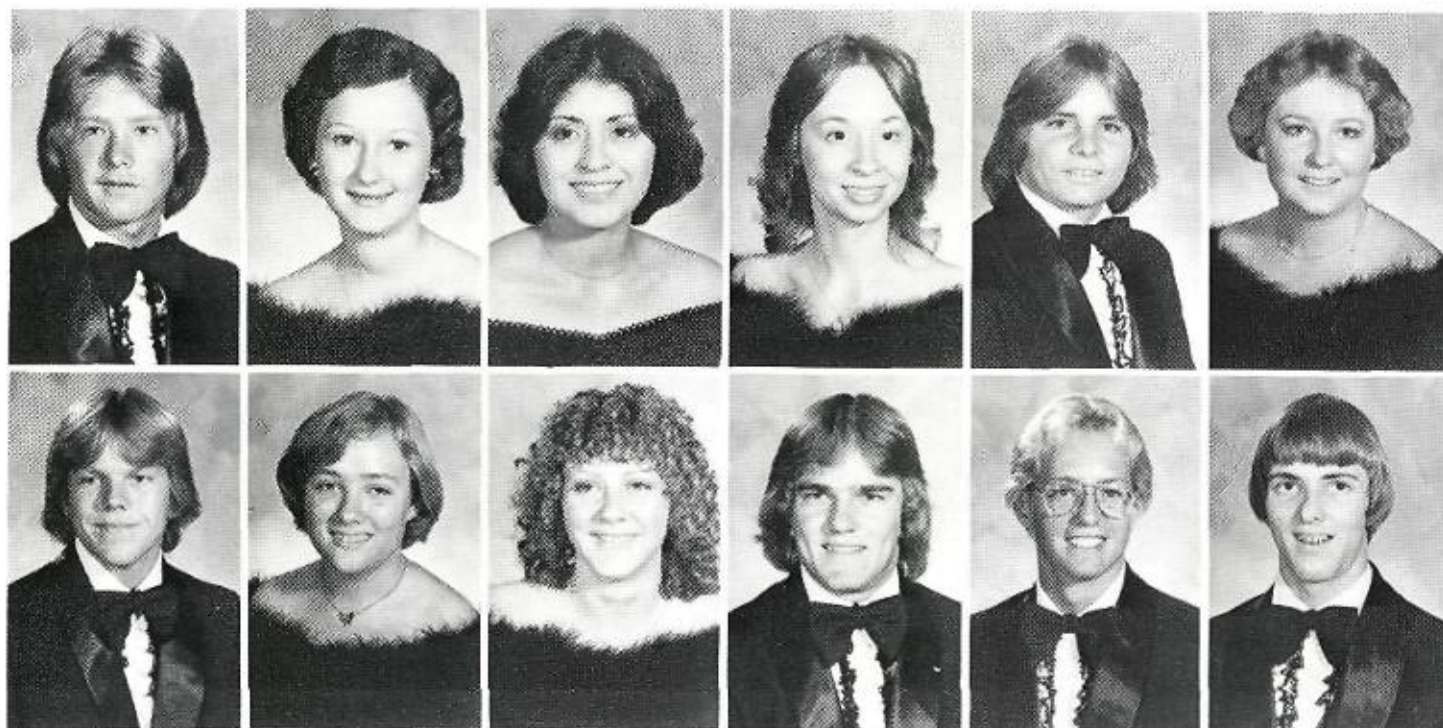
Also during the early days of 1979, the death of former Vice President Nelson Rockefeller shocked America. Known as the nation's wealthiest man, Rockefeller has served four terms as governor of the powerful state of New York. With his death from a heart attack, came the end of the seventy year dream of Nelson Rockefeller as President.

Another shock came to Americans when, over 150 airplane passengers were killed as a result of a mid-air collision of a Pacific Southwest Airlines jetliner and a single engine plane over San Diego, California. The accident, which caused more fatalities than any other aviation accident in U. S. history, became the impetus for stricter ground control laws at all airports.

As the students faced these national events, they also faced the growing responsibility of taking their places in the democratic republic of America. For the time being, many students only read or saw recordings of the events which made the nation what it was. However, very soon, places of leadership and responsibility were to be filled by them.



Mike Pointer
Anna Porter
Marina Portillo
Karen Poteet
James Potter
Sandy Potter



Charlie Powell
Mary Beth Powell
Dru Pruitt
Donny Purvis
Rob Rankin
Greg Ray



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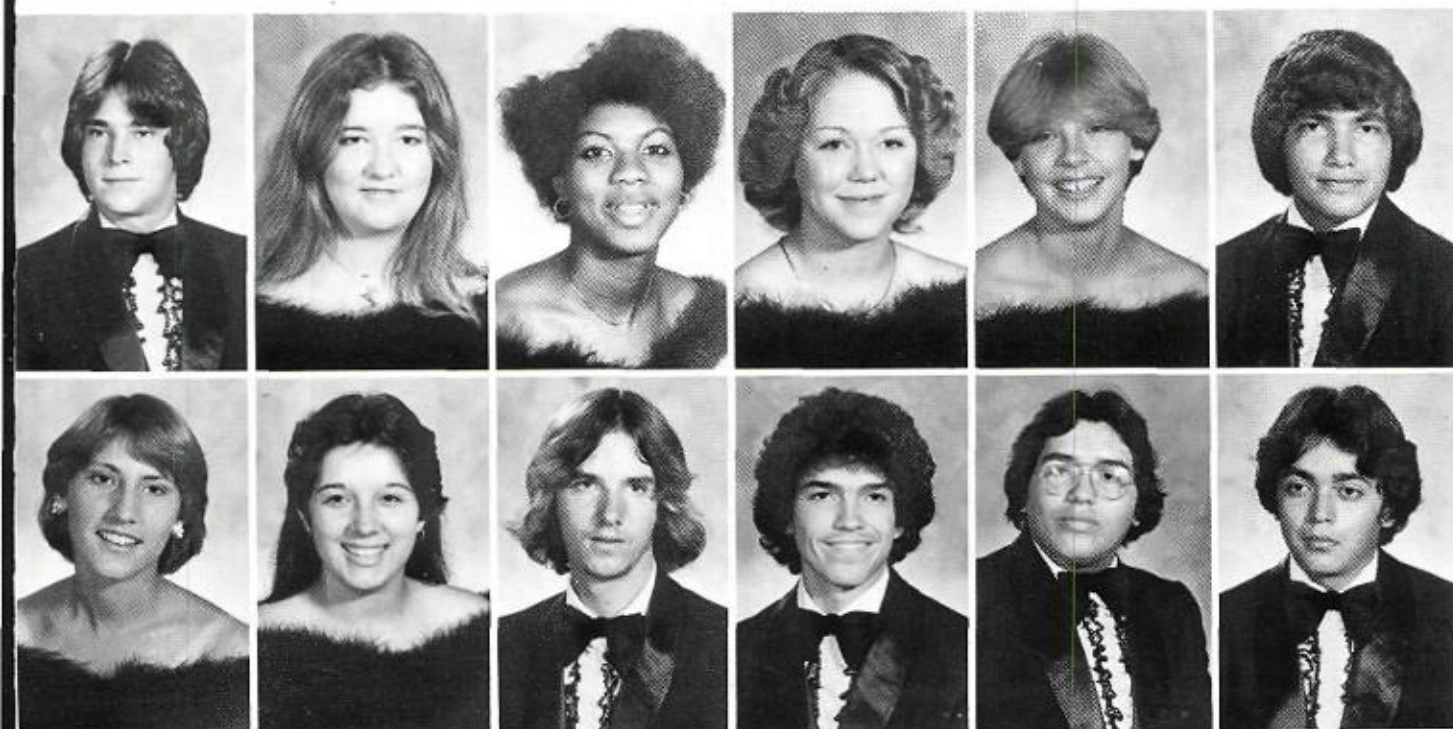
1. Conferring with an Abilene resident, ex-CIA director George Bush seeks support for his political party.
2. Mystery surrounds the future of Bill Hansen's Cessna 150 and other small aircraft since the San Diego crash.
3. Despite soaring inflation, Greg Ray manages to afford a folder from the student store as salespersons Maria Rodriguez and Tina Hambleton assist.
4. Curiously reading in *Time* magazine, Jackie Flores discovers reasons behind the Jonestown massacre.



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Mike Ray
Kathy Redwine
Debra Reece
Julie Reece
Liz Reece
Sammy Reeves

Annette Rhodes
Diana Rice
Paul Richardson
Paul Rios
Sonny Rios
Paul Rivera

Global transformations impress populants

Changes occurred all over the world during the year of 1978-'79. Feeling the blow, the Catholic Church suffered the loss of two Popes. Pope Paul VI died on Sunday, August sixth, with his successor, John Paul I, dying after reigning only 33 days. After the death of John Paul I, came the election of the first non-Italian Pope in 400 years. In fact John Paul II became the first Pope ever to come from behind the Iron Curtain.

Also suffering severe effects, the Shaw of Iran left his country after mounting protest plagued his reign for several months. Strikes and protests closed universities and secondary schools and caused the petroleum output to flag, creating a cash shortage. Some critics felt that the Shaw had pushed his country too quickly toward modernization and Westernism.

One of the more optimistic changes of the year came with the signing of the Camp David Peace Treaty Agreement between Israel and Egypt. Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egypt's Anwar Sadat were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for their effort in world peace.

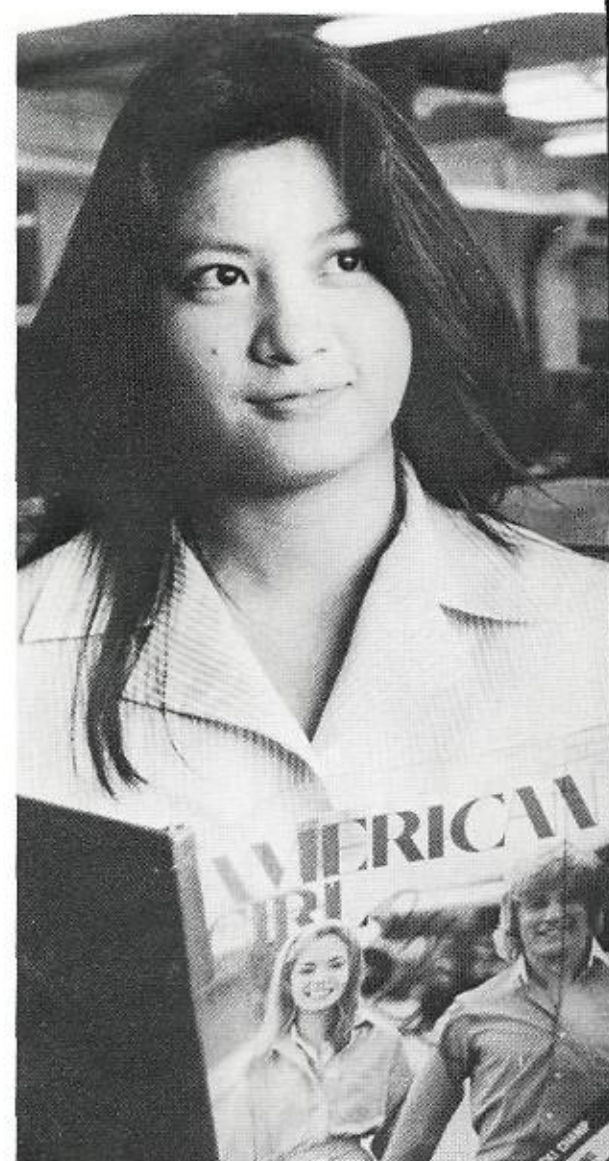
On the sadder side, Israel suffered the

loss of their former Prime Minister Golda Meir. Raised in Milwaukee, Golda had returned to Israel in 1921 to live in Palestine. She was Israel's first ambassador to the USSR, a minister of labor, a foreign minister and Prime Minister for five years. After retiring from her position as Prime Minister, she remained very politically involved in world affairs until her death from cancer.

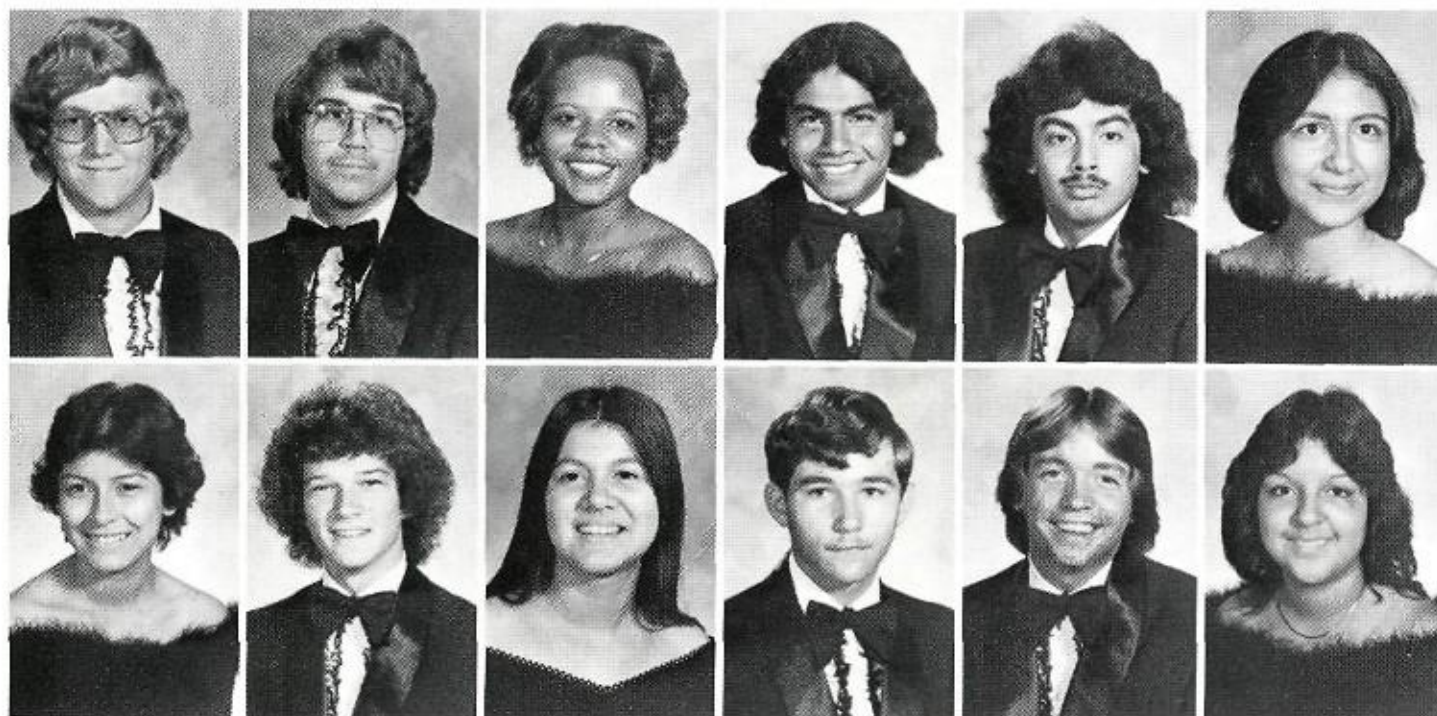
As strides toward peace were sought in the Middle East, the results of war were felt across the world. Cambodia and Vietnam were battling it out in Asia under the discreet control of Russia and China. With Russia's help, the conquest of Cambodia was inevitable. Still, the struggle for Asia remained between Russia and China.

Also in Asia, refugees set sail in the ocean and remained adrift until some sympathetic country would allow them to enter. Commonly known as the Boat People, they made headlines in their quest for freedom. Many died, but a few made it to safety in neighboring countries.

Although history was being made right before their eyes, most AHS students remained apathetic about world events.



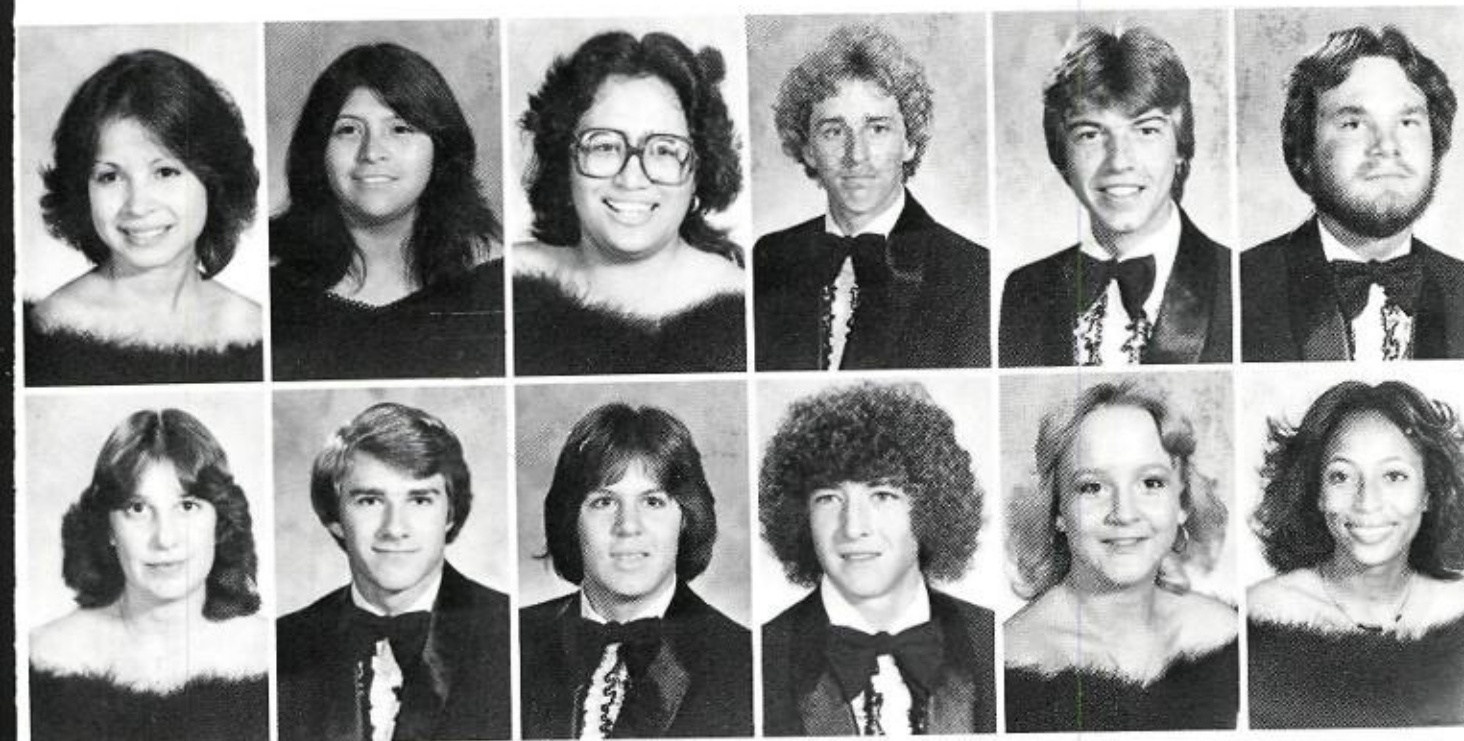
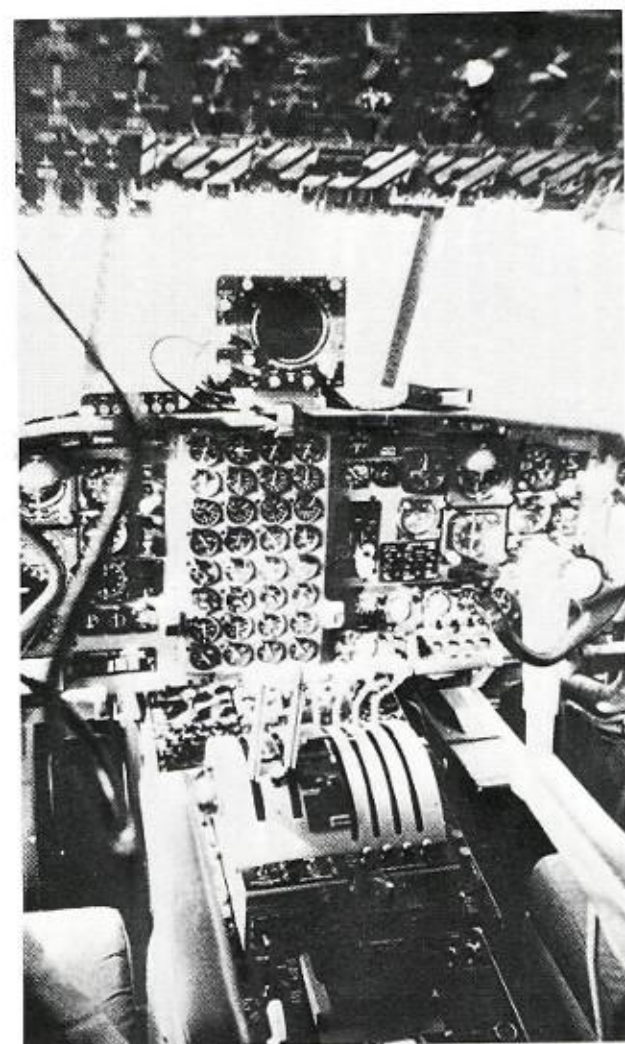
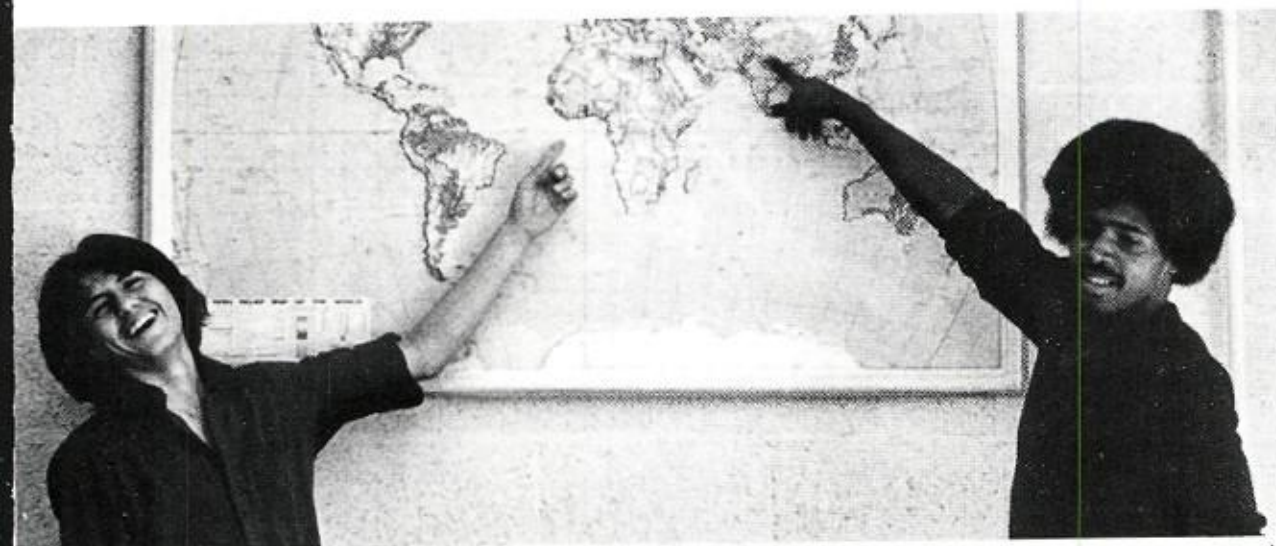
Lance Robinson
Matt Robinson
Sharon Robinson
Joe Rocha
Rave Rocha
Patricia Rodriguez



Rosie Rodriguez
Richard Rogers
Nellie Rosales
Robert Rosetti
David Ross
Lisa Ruelas



1. Using her lunch hour, Judy Lynn explores facets of other lifestyles.
2. Depicting world strife, artist Don Taylor illustrates world events.
3. Part of the Dyess defense force, a B-52 is serviced on the flight line.
4. Pointing out various locations on the map, Andy Estrada and Billy Cummings think about traveling abroad.
5. Exhibiting a mass of technology, the cockpit of an aircraft confuses the amateur.



Melinda Ruiz
Rosie Salas
Linda Salazar
Steve Salmon
Russel Sanders
David Sarton

Donnell Saverance
Steve Scales
Gary Scanlor
Thomas Scannell
Diane Schkade
Cessilye Scott

Residents of foreign nations adjust to American conventions

Tammy Yoshihara, Judy Lynn, Thomas De Costa, Shawn Pariai and six exchange students all had one thing in common. The 1978-'79 school year was the first time they had ever lived in America. Coming from all over the world, they represented various continents.

Tammy Yoshihara, an official exchange student from Japan, came to Abilene in August of 1978. As a result of doing well on an exchange club test, Tammy left her family, friends and genuine oriental food to live in the United States. Since her arrival, she had been impressed with the people of Abilene and thought that they were extremely friendly. One difference that she particularly noticed was the cars traveling on the right side of the road instead of on the left as in Japan. However, everything was not different for Tammy's favorite hangout in Japan was Dunkin' Doughnuts. After graduation, Tammy planned to attend a business school in Japan.

At the same time Tammy was moving in with her adopted American parents, Thomas

De Costa was moving to Abilene from Brazil. When his mother received an opportunity to teach in the U. S., he came too.

An early difference that he noticed in his American friends was that they did more of their own thing than his friends in Brazil. Thomas especially missed the beaches and the four hour school day which he left in South America.

Judy Lynn came to America after living in Canada for two years. Originally from Taiwan, she felt very proud of her country and was disappointed with the United States agreement with China. She felt this would adversely affect relationships with Taiwan.

In comparing Canadian and Taiwanese schools to American schools, Judy thought the curriculum was easiest in America than anywhere she had studied because there were not so many demands put on the students.

Coming from Tehran, Iran, Shawn Pariai arrived in America on March 15, 1978. His original plans were to come to America for his last year of high school so his entry into

a U. S. college would be easier. In talking about his returning to Iran in light of political strife, he said, "I was going to go but I don't know now. It depends on what happens in my country." Shawn thought that the people in Abilene were more friendly than other Americans because he felt they were more Christian.

In order to keep up with his favorite hobby, Shawn played soccer with HSU and ACU teams since AHS had no team.

Visiting AHS for a week, six exchange students and their sponsor came from Monterey, Mexico to spend time in an American school. While they were here they were able to participate in many activities, one of which was a pep rally. During March, part of the AHS exchange club journeyed to Mexico to participate in the Mexican school system.

While some of the foreign students only stayed a week at AHS, the affect AHS had on them would last a lifetime because they, like many others since 1888, were a part of Eagle Spirit.



Robert Seballos
Raymond Segvin
Darlene Shaver
Sharon Shelton
Mary Ann Shorthouse
Renna Simmons



Carol Simpson
Lee Sims
Scotty Sims
Jani Sitton
Ed Smith
Jeff Smith



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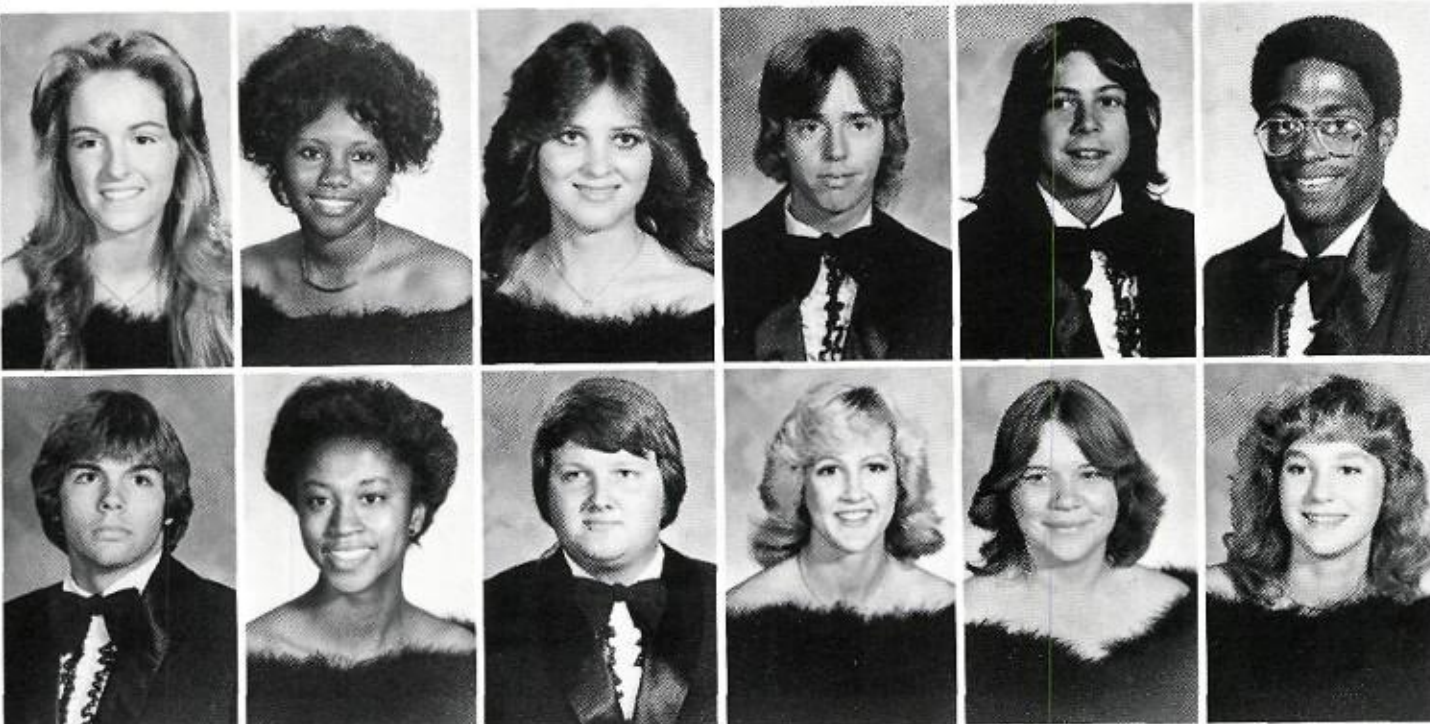
1. Visiting AHS, the exchange students from Mexico, Frank Chavez, Joseph Vargas, Velia Castillo, Marta Guajardo, Frank Newton (sponsor), and Gerald Alvarez participate in the fun of a pep rally.
2. Enjoying his favorite hobby, Thomas De Costa surfs off the coast of Brazil.
3. Showing expertise, Shawn Pariai practices soccer.
4. Exhibiting traditional dress, Tammy Yoshihara wears a Japanese kimono.



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Sheree Smith
Stanley Smith
Steve Smith
Greg Solomon

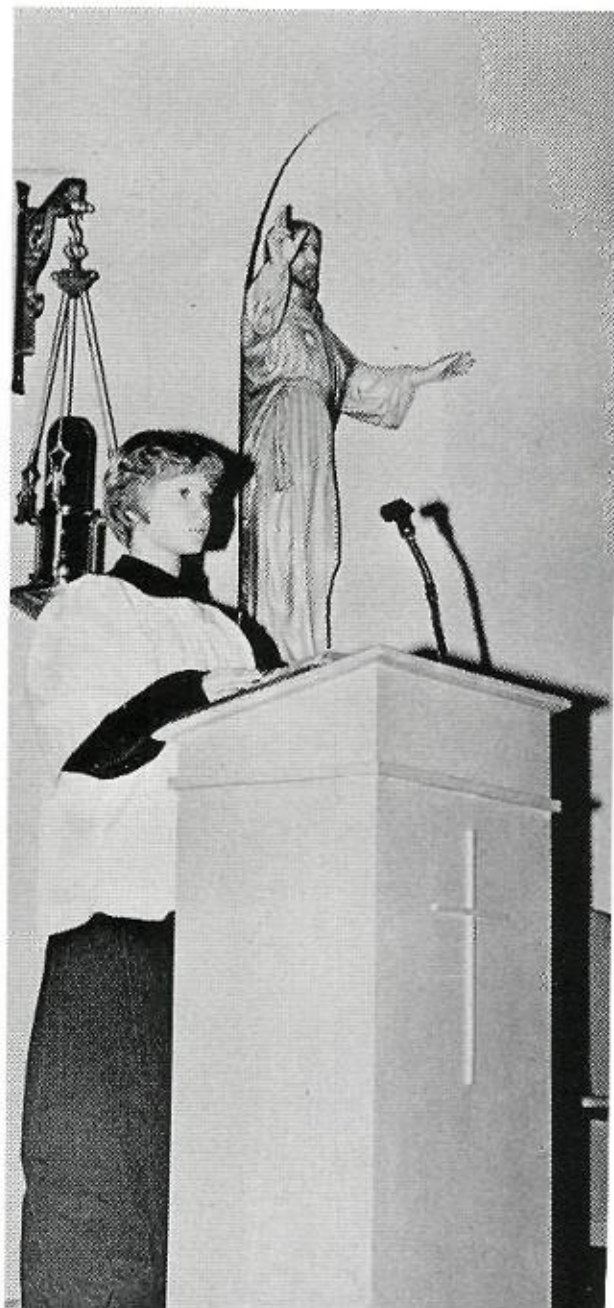
Ross Sparks
Gloria Stanchell
Danell Steele
Laurie Stevens
Robin Stevens
Lisa Stewart

1. Participating in one of many church activities, Karen Pekowskiz leads in congregational services.

2. Teaching young children takes patience as Terri Harris discovers during Sunday School.

3. Despite the snow, the Grace Methodist Church continues to offer a place of serene worship.

4. Involved in the production of a puppet show, Lisa Wheeler displays her special talent with help from Pinky the puppet.



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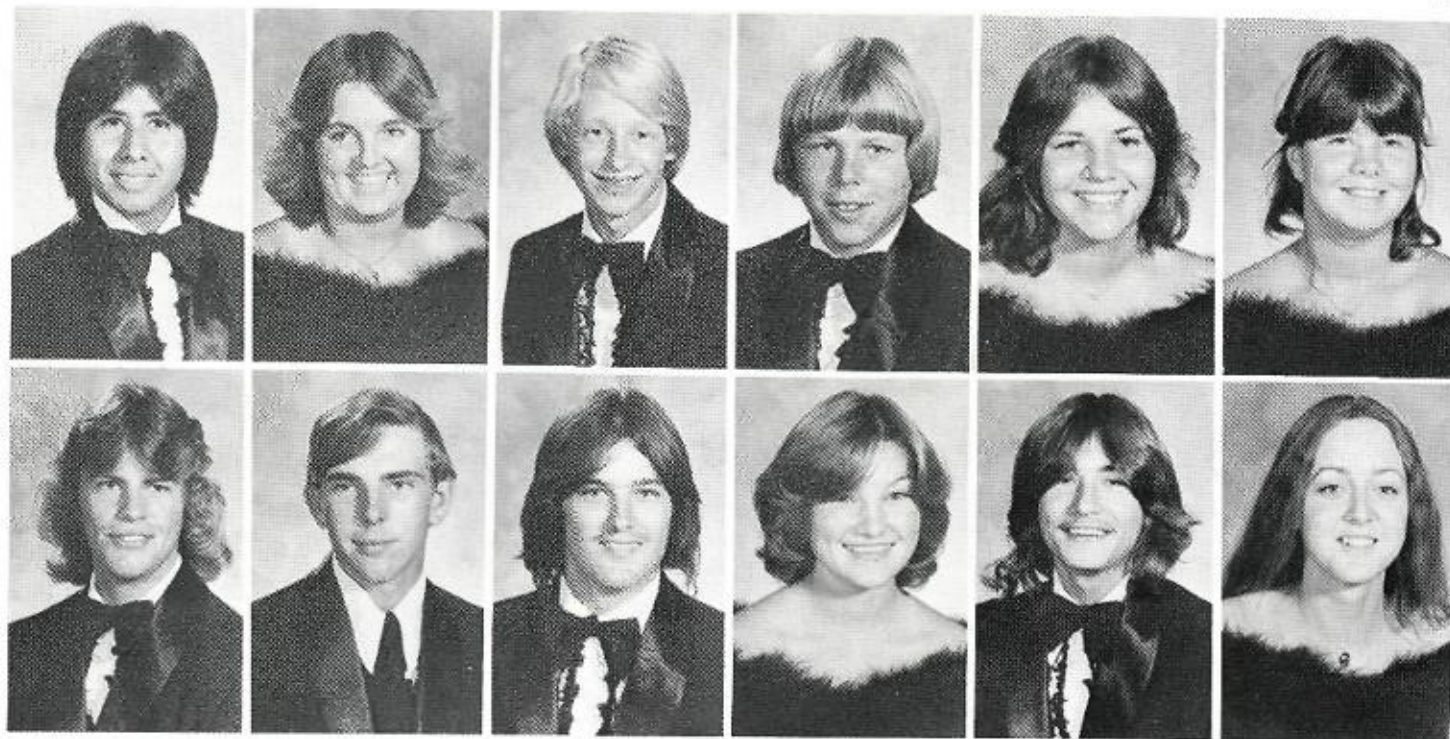
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Ricky Stokes
Toni Storey
Randy Story
Ken Stovall
Cathy Stuehler
Millie Swiney

James Talley
Matt Tarpley
Patrick Taylor
Venita Teaff
Kenneth Teague
Tanja Tekut





Faith inspires youth

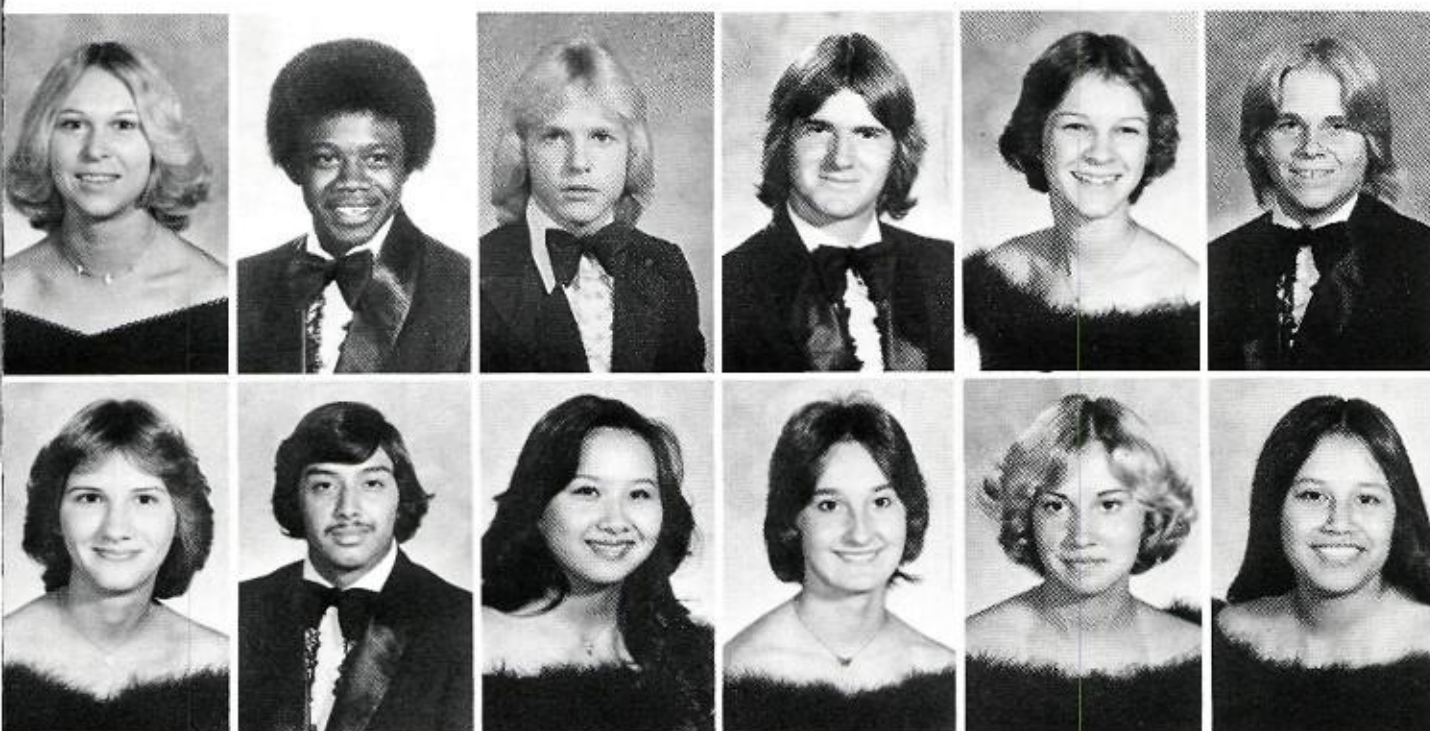
*A common love for each other,
A common gift to the savior
A common bond joining us to the Lord,
A common strength when we're weary
A common hope for tomorrow
A common joy in the truth of God's
word.*

In the values that changed over the high school years, students of Abilene High searched for the expression that stated their hopes and aspirations, a common object to ease the tension of a changing world, a common belief in someone who cared, a common love for each other that was shared within the walls of AHS.

Religion was the strength that many students thrived upon, and the city of Abilene was symbolic of religion and belief. With 1118 Protestant churches, three Catholic churches, one Jewish temple, two parochial universities and one parochial college, Abilene offered peace of mind to those who yearned for companionship and the giving of themselves.

Meaningful friendships were established as students experienced a different dimension of life. Once lonely, they found togetherness on ski retreats, in puppet programs, at handbell choirs, with basketball or baseball competitions or in huddle groups and Sunday schools. Through organizations such as the Sonseekers, Episcopal Youth Churchmen, United Methodists Youth, Christ for All, Catholic Youth Organization, Young Life and the Christian Club, many found companionship and inspiration needed to face life in the changing world of unstable values.

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Belinda Thanes
Reggie Thomas
Rusty Thomas
John Thompson
Kathleen Thompson
Mike Thompson

Candy Thweat
Michael Tijerina
Dien Tram
Karen Trull
Tammi Ussery
Carmen Valdez

Jubilation lifts spirit

Long before Saint Nick was out performing the traditional Christmas Eve rituals, AHS was busy attempting to spread the Christmas spirit everywhere. Trying to forget the haunting echo of "ten more shopping days until Christmas," both students and administrators planned exciting, ecstatic events to ease mounting tensions mutually shared.

The usual parties in first period ranged from talking and fighting over the last donut to sitting outside in an unusual costume. With Santa and Mrs. Claus from the photography class gaining between-class attention, students soon felt the renewed spirit of Christmas.

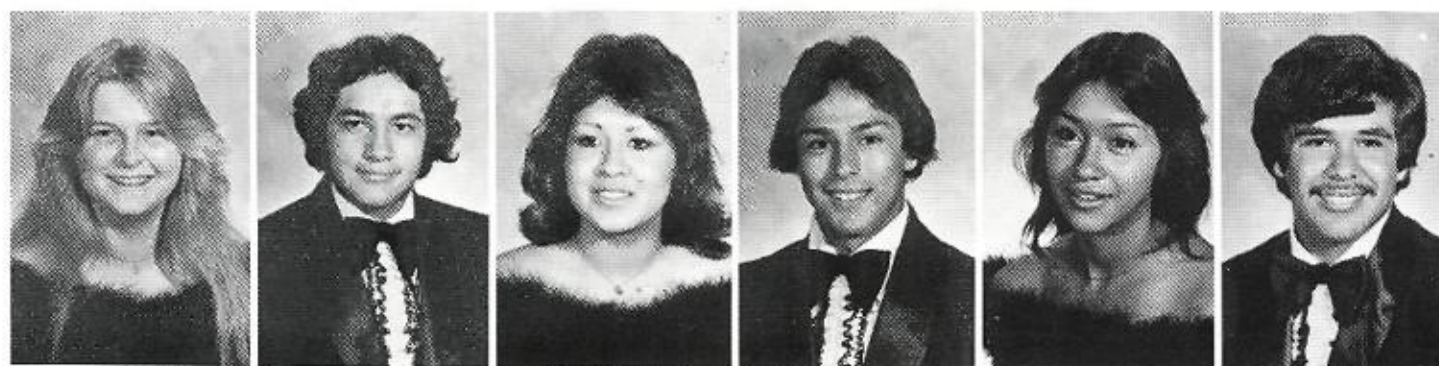
Assemblies consisted of the choir and orchestra performing Christmas carols together along with the traditional Santa Claus portrayed by Mr. Lee Abernathy.

The AHS choir also performed at Citizens National Bank to spread the spirit felt by students to the Abilenians. Of course, many students exchanged gifts among themselves and occasionally surprised a teacher with a well meaning gift on the last day of school for 1978.

Wherever students and administrators sought out their feelings of Christmas spirit, they could also rely on the activities held at AHS to express the merriment of the most memorable holiday of the year.



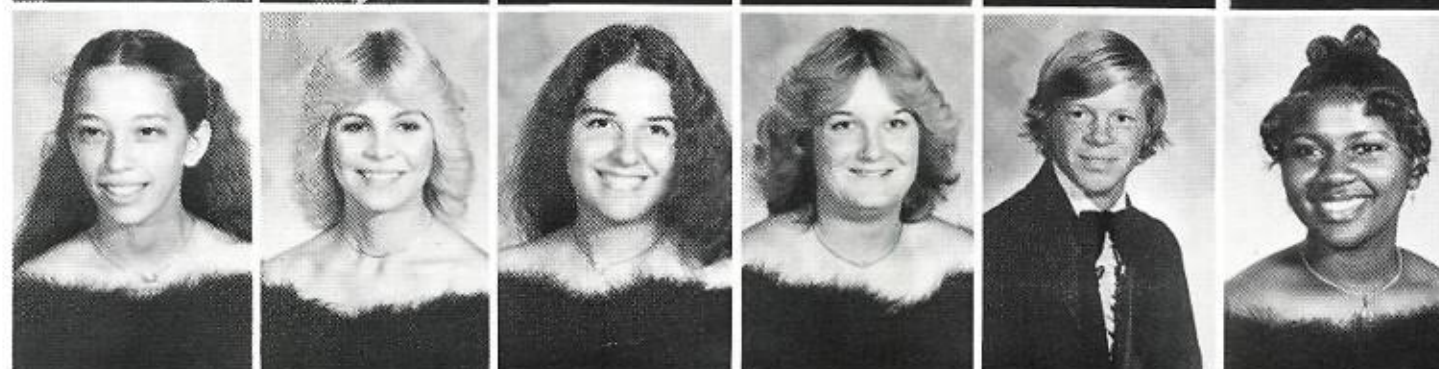
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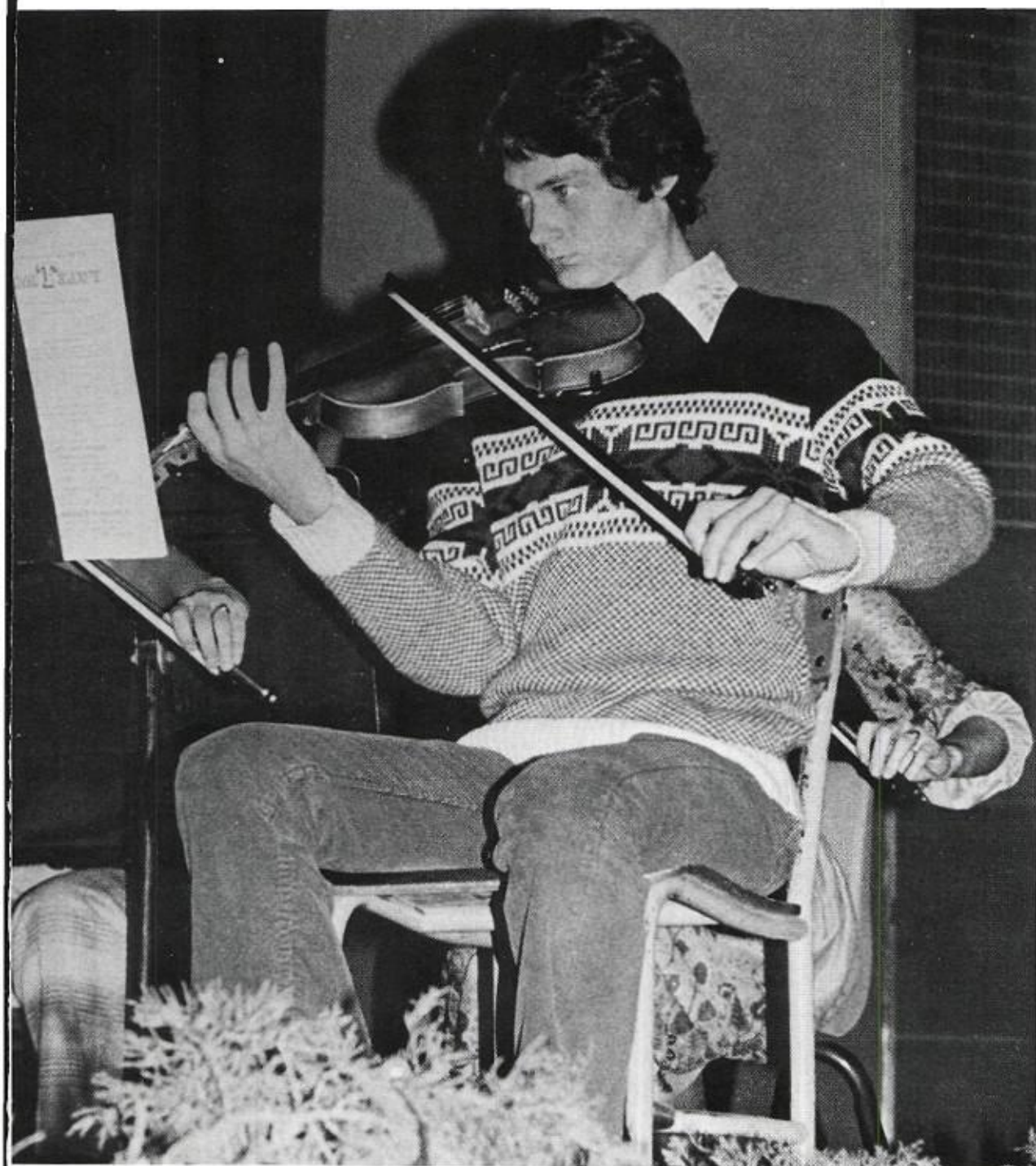


Nora Wall
Mike Walser
Cindy Ward
Sandra Warren
Maria Watson
Tanya Watson



Ingrid Weaver
Virginia Welch
Linda White
Pam White
Terry White
Faith Whitmill



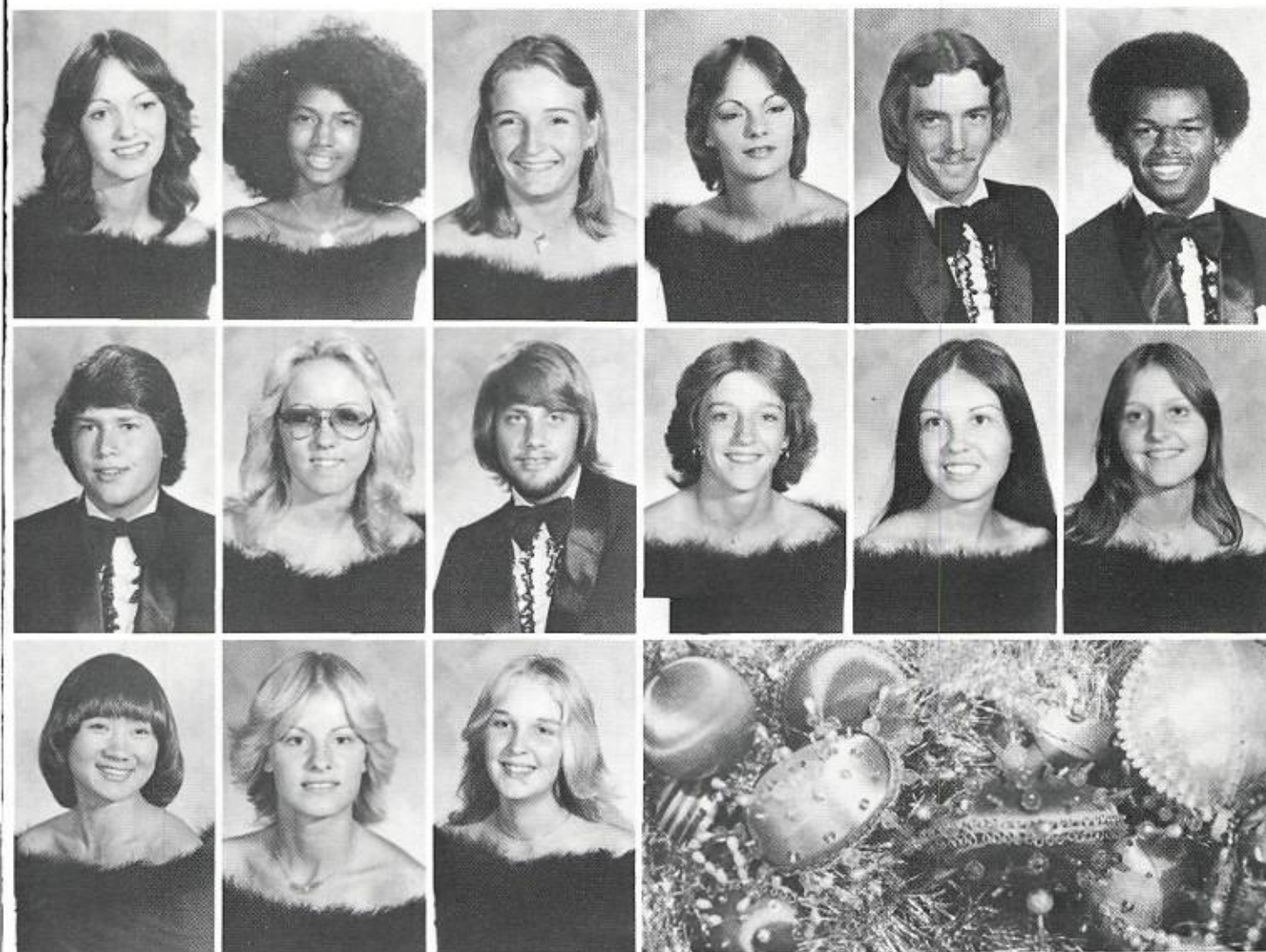


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1. Taking part in Abilene's Christmas festivities, the AHS concert choir performs at Citizens National Bank.
2. Showing their Christmas spirit, Kathy Martin, Laura Craig, Pennye Gragg, Denise Mayhall and Clay Hale, a select group from the concert choir, perform a solo section of music during the concert choir performance.
3. Participating in the orchestra Christmas concert, Steve Claunch plays his violin.
4. Posing as Santa Claus, Mr. Lee Abernathy enriches the world of Mrs. Ouida Harkey's grandson, Tim Herring.
5. Typical of the Christmas season, ornaments lie in wait for their placement on the Student Council Christmas tree.



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Anne Williams
Carla Williams
Luann Williams
Shandra Williams
Guy Wilson
Michael Wilson

Steve Winkler
La Donna Witworth
Mike Wood
Charon Worthing
Angela Yarbrough
Roseanné Yasger

Tammy Yoshihara
Becky Zachry
Lisa Zemke

SLIPPP SLIDING AWAY!

The winter of 1978 brought happiness to some and sorrow to others. Three times on snowy or icy days, schools were dismissed giving teachers and students extra holidays. However hazardous road conditions played no favorites as students were among the many who received dents or even worse to their cars. Surprisingly the Abilene Police Department recorded more wrecks during these days than at any previous time.

Cold winds and sleet hit the Abilene area on December 30 and stayed to prolong the holidays because of freezing temperatures. Slick streets caused the cancellation of all scheduled school activities. Basketball games were cancelled all across the Big Country, interrupting the Eagle schedule also. When school resumed low temperatures caused track and baseball teams to practice inside the buildings as administrators raced to reschedule events to an already burdened calendar.

Almost a month later, winter struck again when four inches of snow covered the city. Familiar scenes of stranded, dented cars dotted the highways and school was once again dismissed.

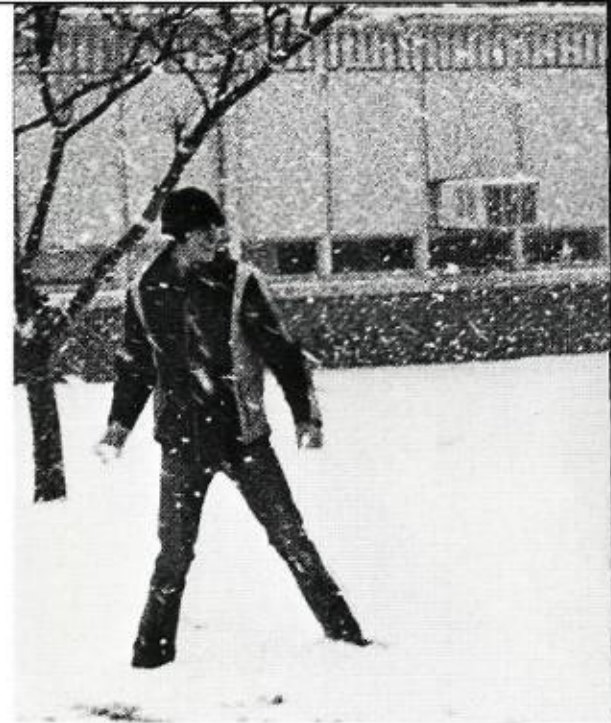
Through it all, many people found time to enjoy the benefits of the season by having snow fights, cutting donuts in abandoned parking lots, sliding down the banks of overpasses on cardboard, but most important by just being out of school.



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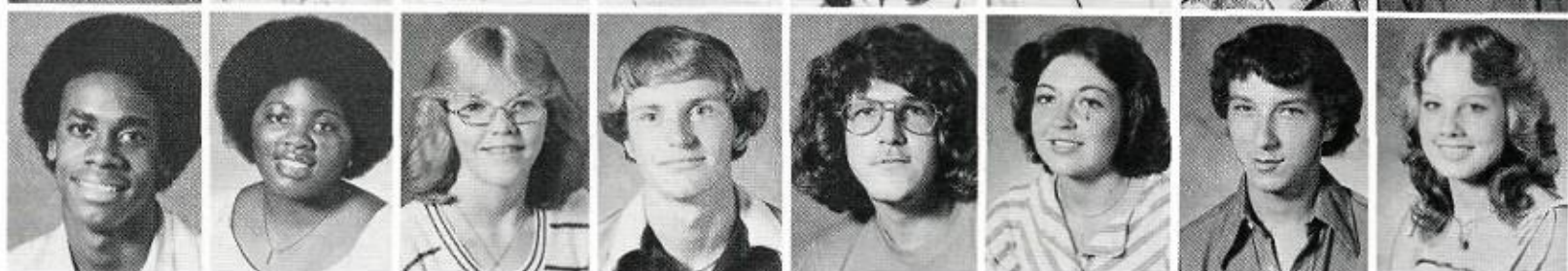
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Lewis Adams
Gregg Adkin
Ruben Alvarado
Candy Alberty
Donnell Allen
Richie Allen



Roy Anarade
Adam Anderson
Daniel Anderson
Kathy Anthony
Rosie Aquirre
Gracie Arispe
Kenneth Bailey
Curtis Baker



Micheal Balancio
Lydia Banks
Cindy Barefoot
James Barker
Dale Barker
Lori Bearden
William Beck
Jill Belcher

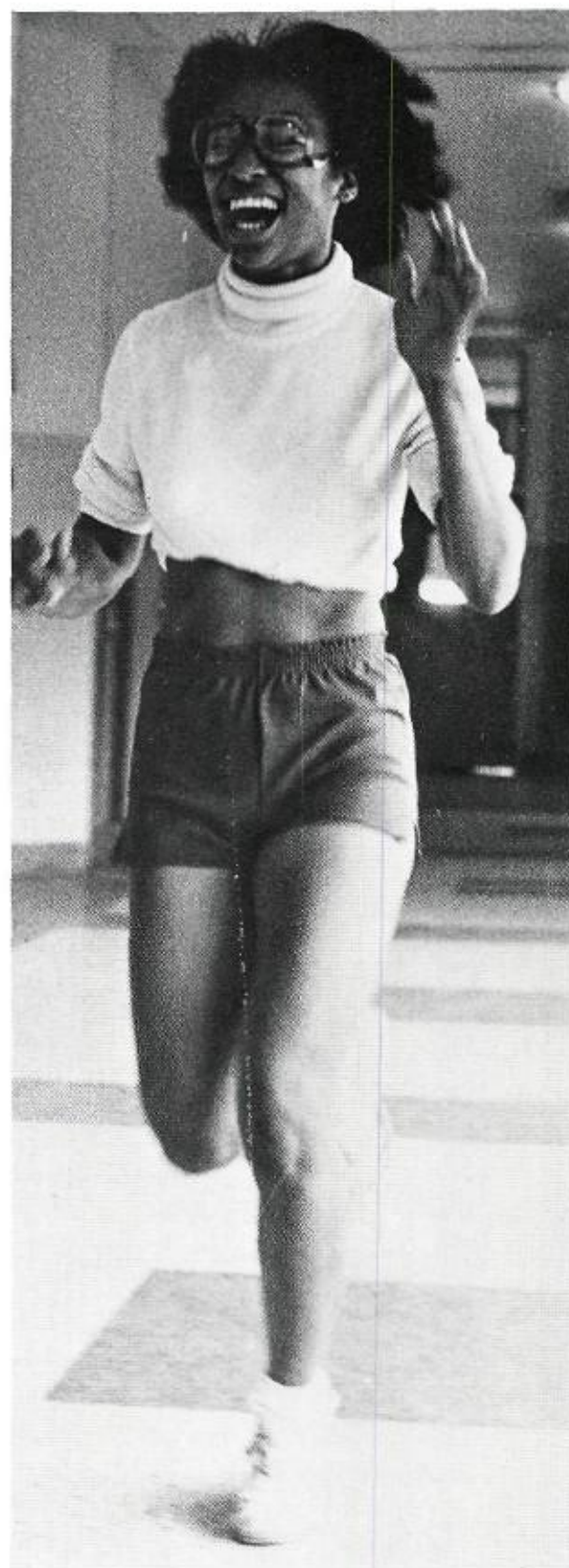




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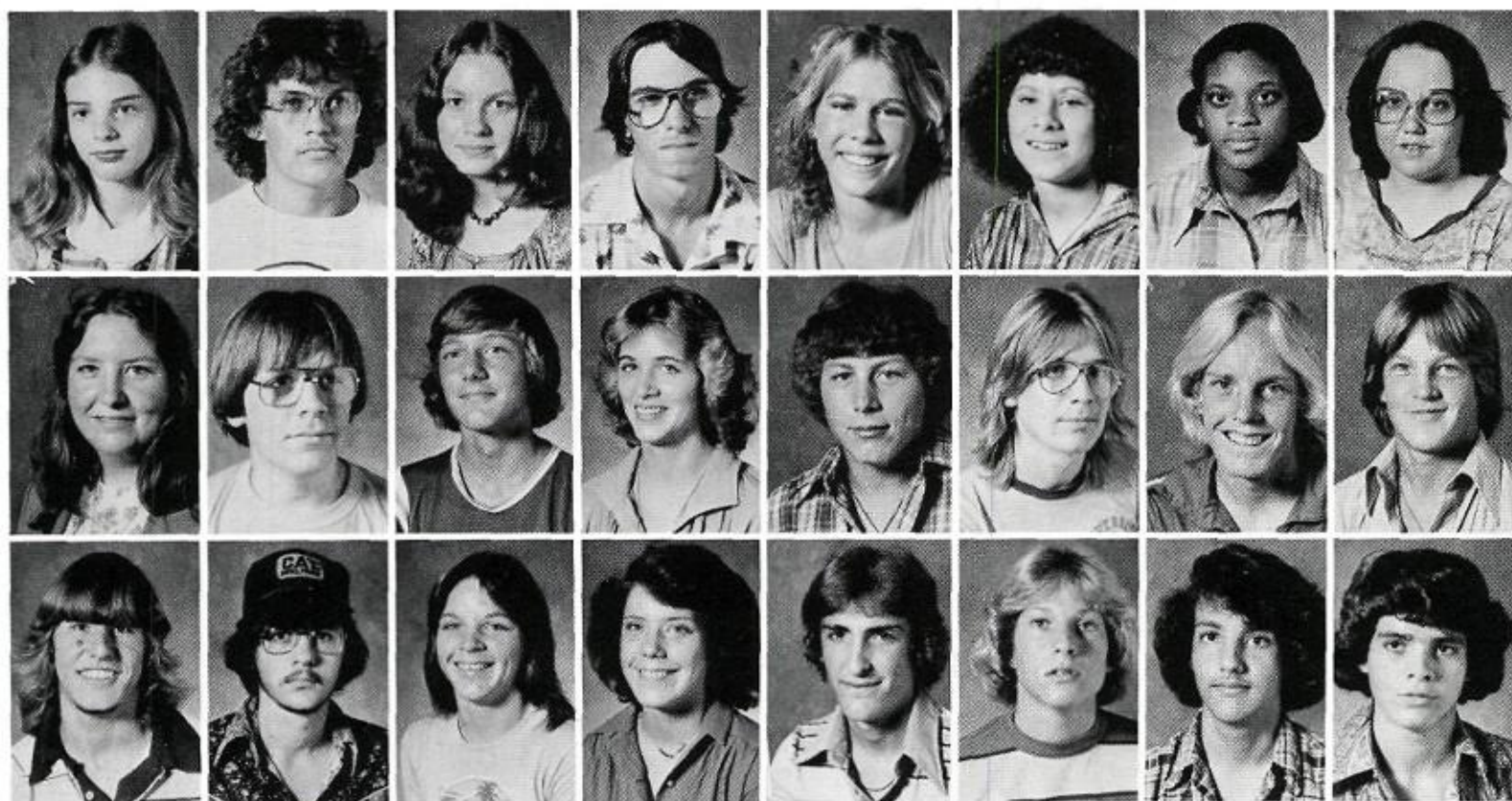


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1. Taking a small detour between classes, Debra Grant discovers snow.
2. Making his appearance many times during the winter months, Mr. Snowman visits AHS students.
3. In the ongoing fun of snow, another case of hit and run is experienced by Woody Payton, Tonya Freeman, Rhogenia Deathenage and Chuck Mitchell.
4. Damage from the ice storm included 50 feet of the KTXS television tower.
5. Keeping in condition for track, Kay Land practices in the halls.
6. After the first snow the only snowman that could be built was about nine inches high.



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Ammie Bell
Brad Berkett
Ramona Billings
Donald Bishop
Stacia Blahak
Celeste Blackman
Gail Blanco
Deborah Blank

Faye Bobo
Don Bordelon
Terry Bowen
Becky Bowland
Carl Bowles
Richard Bradford
Stephen Bradshaw
Marcus Brechen

Rich Brian
Larry Briesacher
Cindy Britton
Stacy Brown
Thomas Bullock
Adam Burch
Mark Burchett
Boyd Burleson

Decisions determined by officers and peers

Revealing their responsibility and the determination to get things done, the junior class officers worked hard to unite the class. When asked why she wanted to serve as an officer for the juniors, Maria Martin said, "I thought it would be better to serve in an office and try to get things done, rather than gripe about things not getting done."

Along with the junior class sponsor, Mrs. Linda Thomason, officers David Wolfe, Reggie James, Maria Martin, Kim Pierce and Karen Fuller helped spur the juniors on to victory in Sing Song '78 winning first place in costume and vocal competition.

Among some of the junior activities anticipated for the year were a spring dance, an end of school formal, and a junior picnic. Although the junior class was often overshadowed by the seniors, the 1979 year reflected that when determined the middle class could succeed.

While officers were planning the year's activities, future seniors ordered their class rings. Abilene jewelers were kept busy completing the orders for the many ring designs.

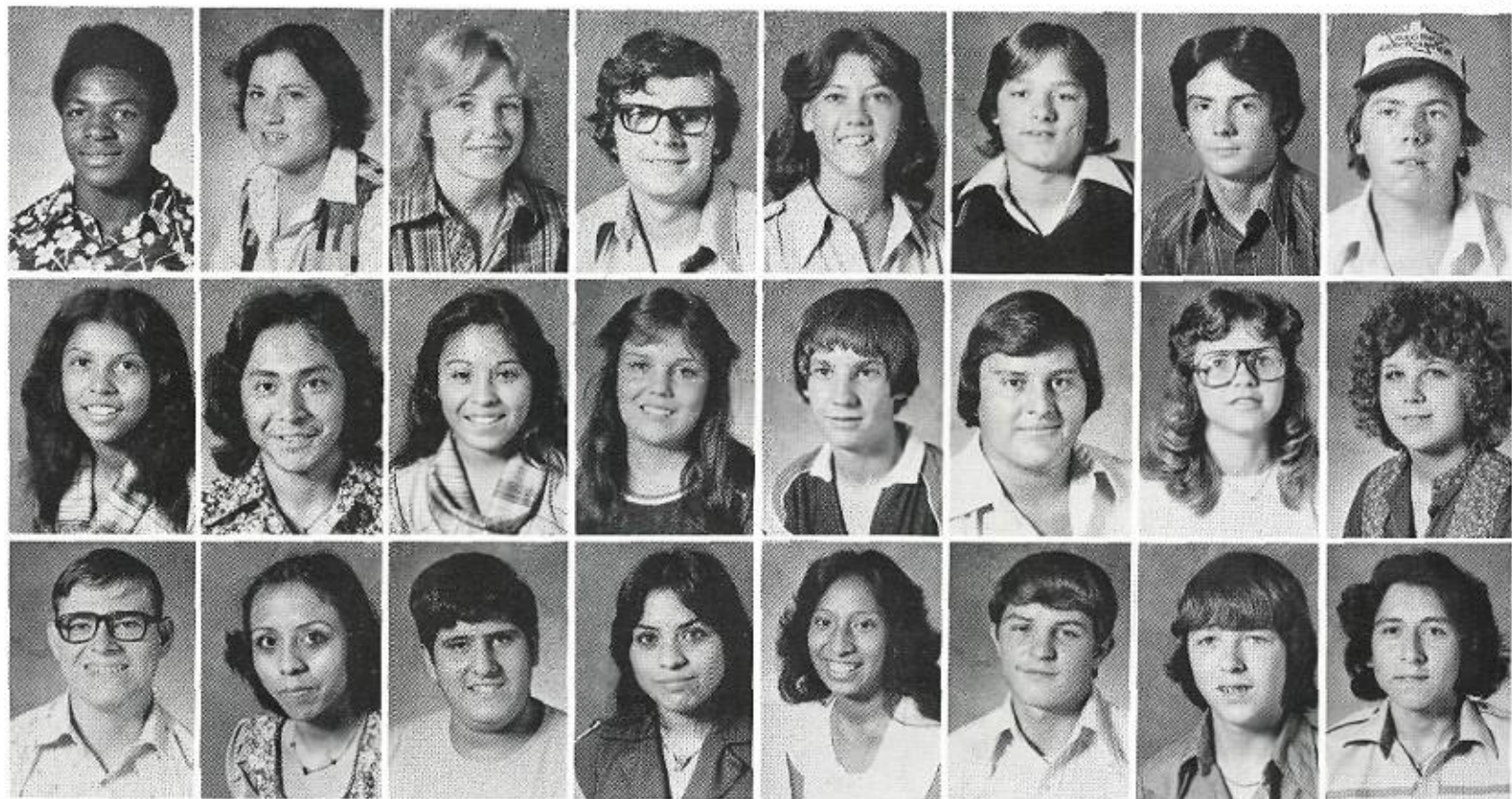
Separating the individual from the crowd, a junior could place his order for his own special style having the bearer's name, a different cut stone in a new setting, and of course the proud Abilene High Eagle. The class ring was just one of the ways a student at Abilene High showed his school spirit and support.



Carl Burleson
Karen Burton
Diana Butler
Ernest Butler
Ginger Butler
Kevin Cadwell
Mark Caffey
Kirt Cahill

JoAnn Camacho
Junior Camacho
Yolanda Camacho
Sherry Campbell
Kent Cannon
Ruben Cantu
Amanda Carey
Lisa Carter

Tom Casady
Alpha Castillo
Joe Castillo
Maggie Castillo
Rosita Castillo
Ed Center
Rocky Champion
Jessie Chavana



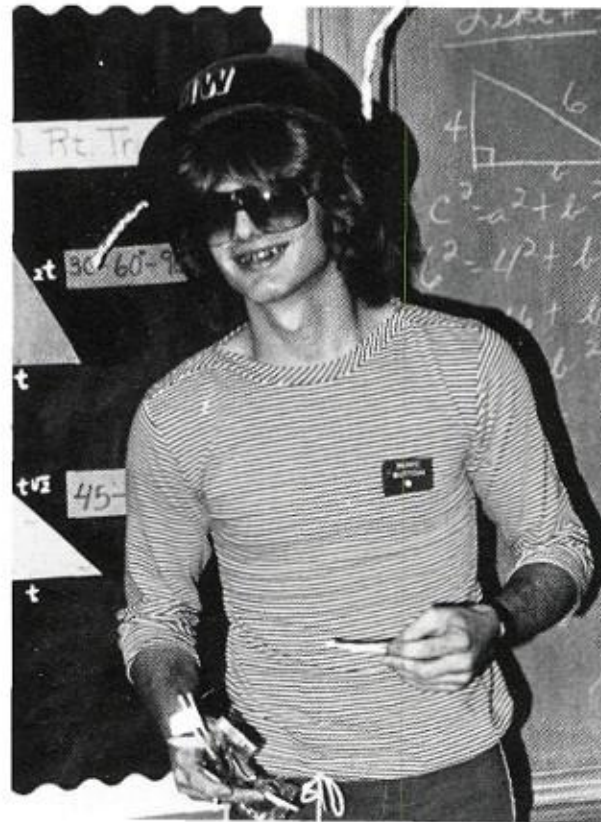


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1. Taking charge of VPO orders, Nora Wall, Lon Jones, Jeff Smith and Susan Boyd assist Glenn Caldwell.
2. Delivering singing telegrams is only one of Honor Society students' duties.
3. Preparing the Valentine Galactica booth for service, Sara Poque and Karen Fuller do their share of the work.
4. Dressed right for his assignment, Leland Hardin delivers candy orders.
5. With a touch of delicacy Maggie Hardin gets ready to deliver carnations.



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Debbie Easley
Denise Ech
Rodney Edwards
Sharon Escobar
Richardo Estrada
Ghita Estrada
Patty Etter
Julie Eversdyke



Marty Farmer
Ruben Fernandez
Carole Fields
Jerry Fillmon
Brent Fine
Gaither Fletcher
Debbie Flores
Manuel Flores



Mary Flores
Olivia Flores
Jeri Francis
Phyllis Franklin
Tonja Freeman
Steve Fore
Gail Foreman
Karen Fuller

Saturday shocker sizzles student schedule

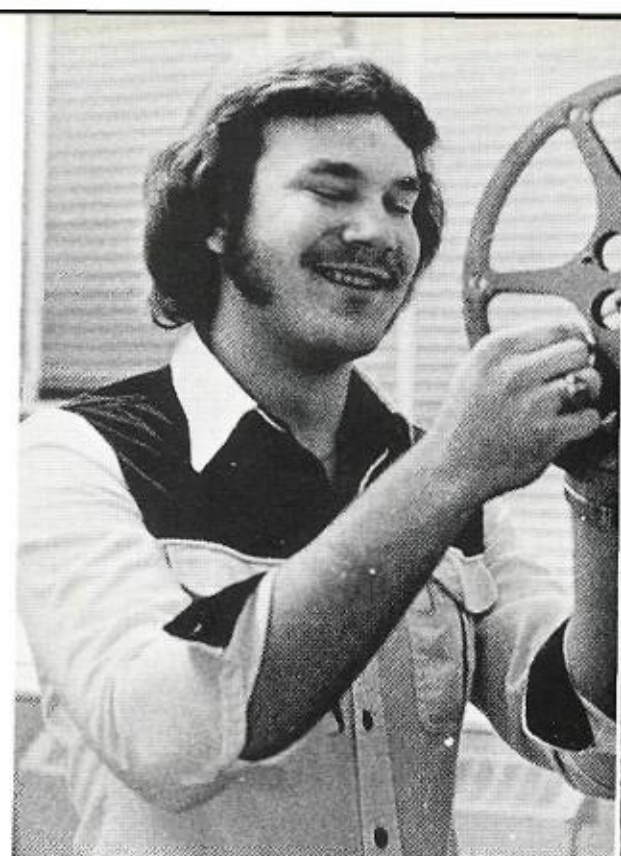
An epidemic hit AHS during the winter of 1978-'79. The epidemic, which appeared as a barrage of ice and snow, kept students out of school for three days.

Since students were required by state law to attend school 175 days out of a year, additional days were set aside by the AISD to make up the bad weather days. After much speculation and discussion, students, teachers and administration were asked to give up one Saturday, the first day of spring break, and Good Friday to comply with the state requirement for attendance. Undoubtedly, the hardest make-up day was Saturday, March 3.

Attendance reflected the general attitude of students since, according to the *Abilene Reporter-News*, over 250 students were absent that day. Although regular classes were held, regulations were lax, and students participated in such activities as roaming the halls and playing cards.

During the two Friday make-up days, classes were much the same as usual. Most teachers carried on with normal class planning on those days.

While a great many unusual things happened during the 1978-'79 school year, going to school on a Saturday was something AHS students would not soon forget.



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Alice Garcia
Lisa Garcia
Mary Garcia
Irena Garza
Dereck Gaines
Gary Gaines
Ricky Gibbs
Felicia Gill



Bill Gilbert
Gilbert Luna
Rhoda Gillis
Mike Gillis
Joe George
Terri Gonzales
Sandra Gonzales
Emma Gonzales

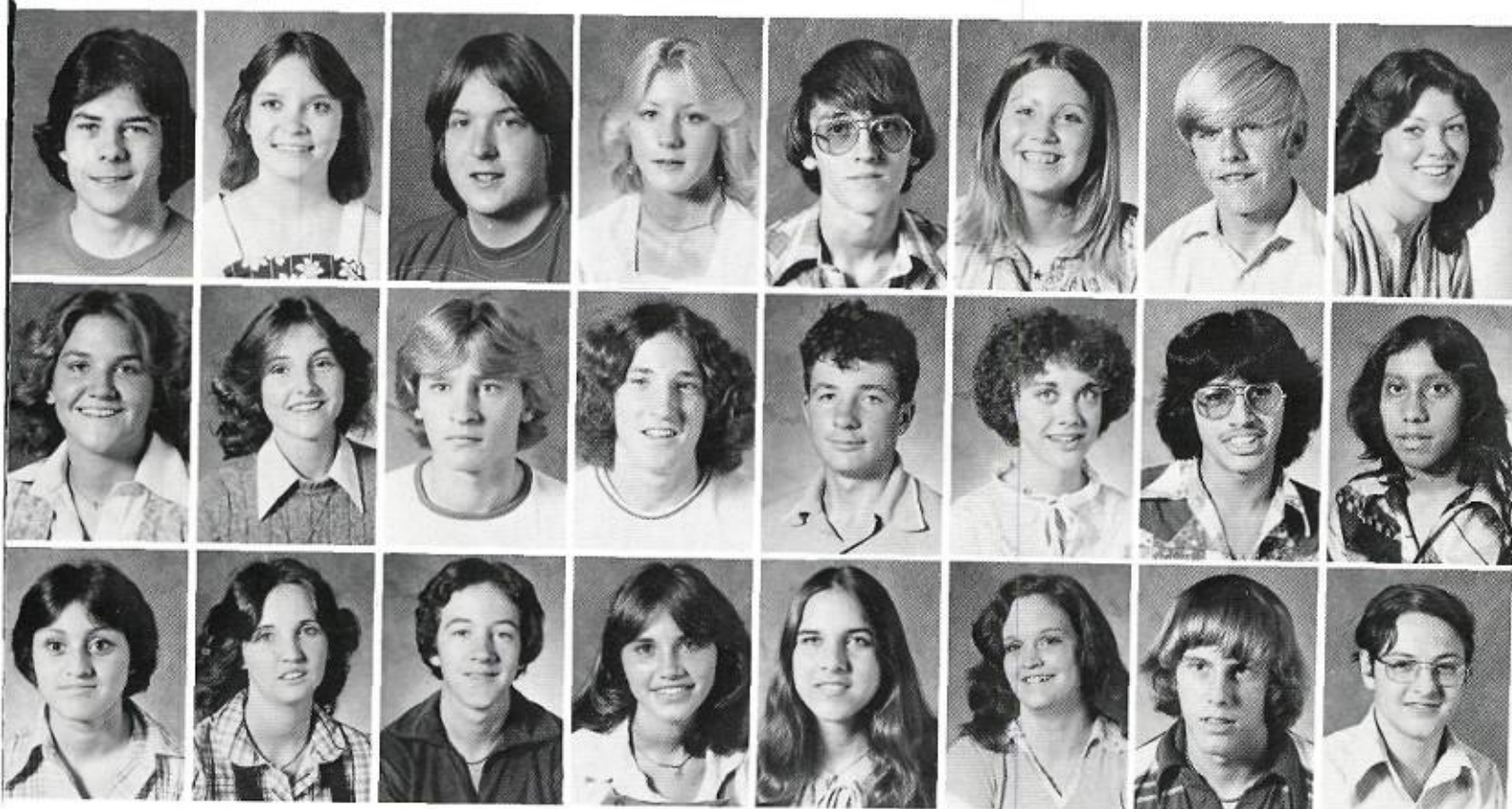


Effie Gonzalos
Paula Golleher
Sandra Gomez
Mollie Goode
Rachel Goodman
Lisa Gorman
Wesley Gorman
Debra Grant





1. Helping with the showing of films, David Sartor runs the projector.
2. Spending their lunch hour on campus, Laticia Crosthwait, Mylinda Lewallen, Lisa Wheeler, Keith Kinard and Melinda Hicks frequent the cafeteria during their Saturday at school.
3. Passing the time between classes, students mill through the halls.
4. In trying to cure Saturday school blues, Cowboy John plays a card game with some photography students.
5. Dozing in class, Pat White learns the tragedies of school on Saturday.



Glenn Grant
Melinde Granthem
Dana Graydon
Chris Giffin
Ricky Griffin
Carolyn Green
Kevin Greenway
Diana Greer

Eileen Greever
Penny Gregg
Richard Grese
Robert Grimstead
Joe Gross
Melinda George
Eddie Guillen
Danny Gutierrez

Peggy Gutierrez
Andra Haddix
Lon Hall
Laura Ham
Darla Hammonds
Kathy Hampton
Terry Hankins
James Hanke

Challenging year for student body leaders

Giving the students the opportunity to voice their opinion and getting action was one of the purposes of the AHS Student Council.

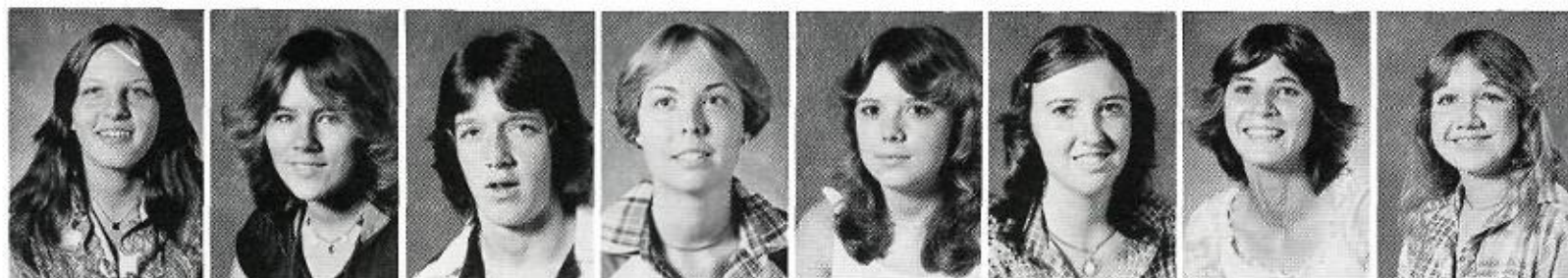
Through representation of each home-room, student council members worked diligently for change and enrichment in school life.

Getting more people involved in the activities of the school served as the main goal of the Student Council, so during the 1978-'79 school year, the Student Council sponsored several activities. Among these were the sophomore orientation, Thanksgiving baskets to many needy families, home-room door decorating for Christmas, teacher appreciation days, participation in Sing Song and involvement in Homecoming activities. The Student Council also hosted the Abilene-Cooper High student exchange before the football game against Cooper High. Taking part in disco dances and the KAHS Radio Station were also major projects.

Qualities of leadership, citizenship and dependability were necessary in coordinating these special activities, and each Student Council officer displayed these important qualities.



Kathy Hanke
Carla Hanley
Donald Hardin
Debra Hargesheiner
Sharla Hargrove
Mary Harmon
Debra Harris
Diane Harris



Michael Harris
Sandy Harris
LeLan Hasden
Patty Hattchett
Denise Head
Bruce Headrick
Ron Heatherly
Ramona Heisel



Curtis Hendrick
Don Henry
Paul Herrera
Delia Hernandez
Xavier Hernandez
Gina Herndon
Diane Hester
Sally Hewtty





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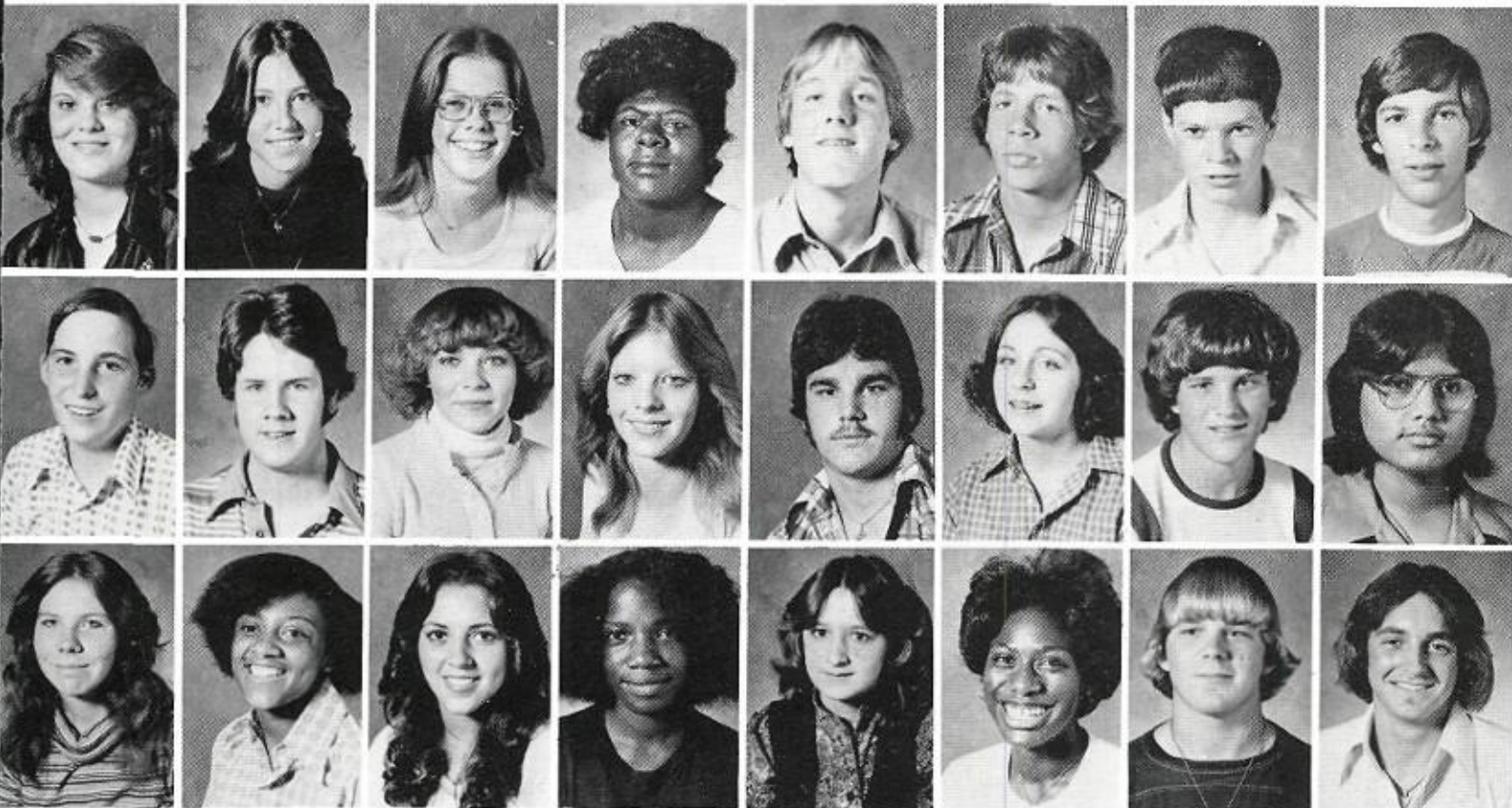
1. Showing their West Texas heritage are *Student Council Officers*. Front Row: Debbie Flores (corresponding secretary). Back Row: Naka Hernandez (treasurer), Devra Hoef (recording secretary), Rusty Thomas (president) and Marcus Brecheen (vice president).
2. Planning for future projects, Student Council president Rusty Thomas addresses the Student Council.
3. In a moment of revenge, Rusty Thomas throws a pie in Mr. Wes Odell's moment of total humiliation.
4. Bridging the gap between teacher and student, Teacher Appreciation Day strengthens relationships.



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Lorrie Higgs
Sherri Hill
Lovetta Hill
John Hoef
Jeff Hoff
Kevin Hogg
James Holt

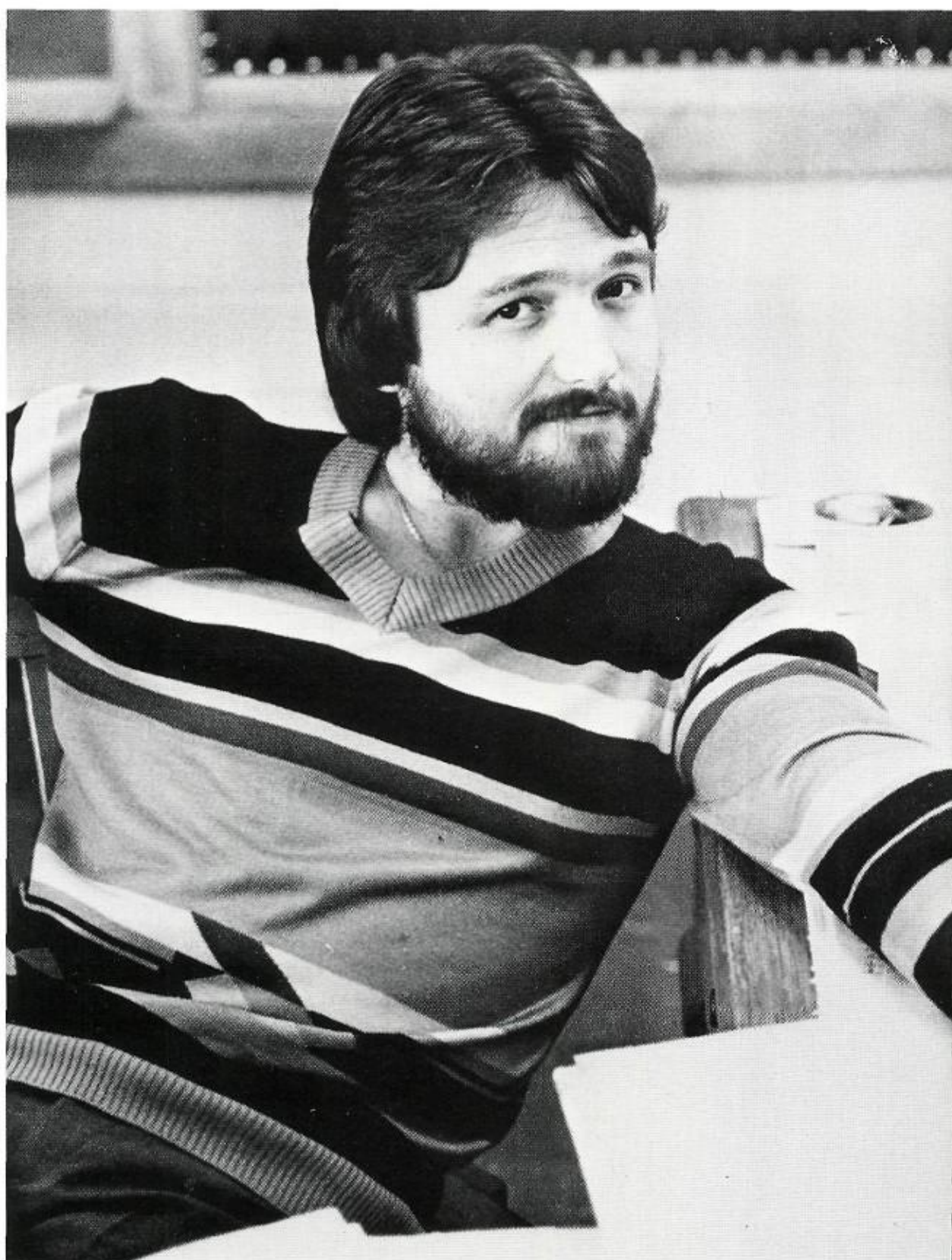
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Cathy Hudson
Eugene Hufford
Joy Hulett
Tod Hunnicutt
Jose Jiminez

Karen Johnson
Linda Johnson
Carole Jones
Casandra Jones
Cindy Jones
Jacqui Jones
Kelly Jones
Shane Jones

1. Preparing the umpteenth pot of morning coffee, Mrs. Karen Stover measures four tablespoons of coffee.
2. Moments away from humanities class are expressed and captured through Mr. Wes Odell's facial expressions.
3. Gesturing while explaining body language, Mr. Steve Perkins proves his theories true of body communication.
4. On a one to one basis, Paul Peckham relates to students in Ms. Nelda Macon's government class.

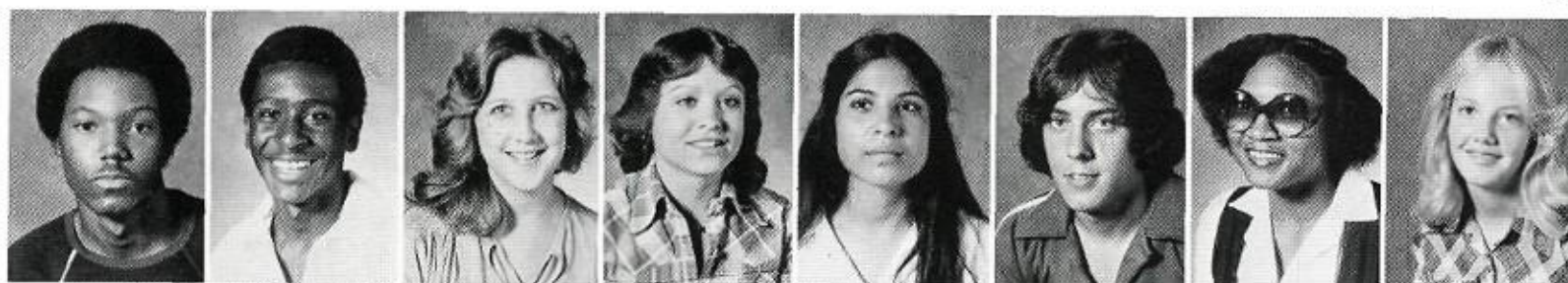


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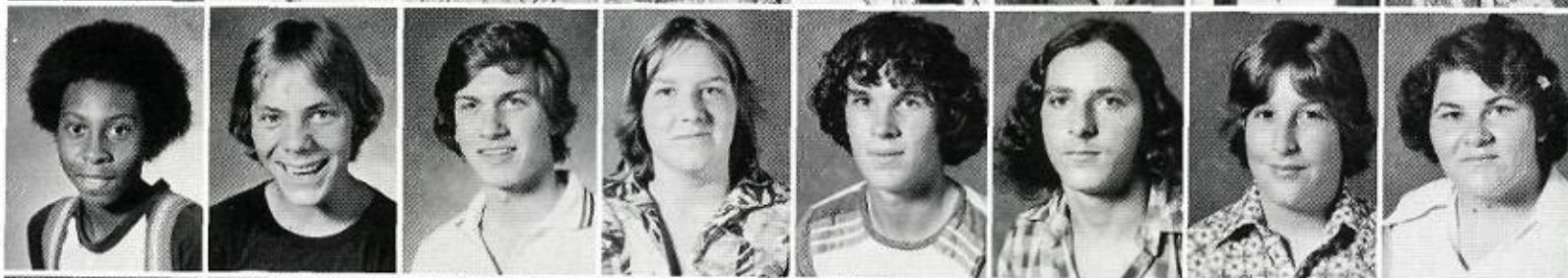


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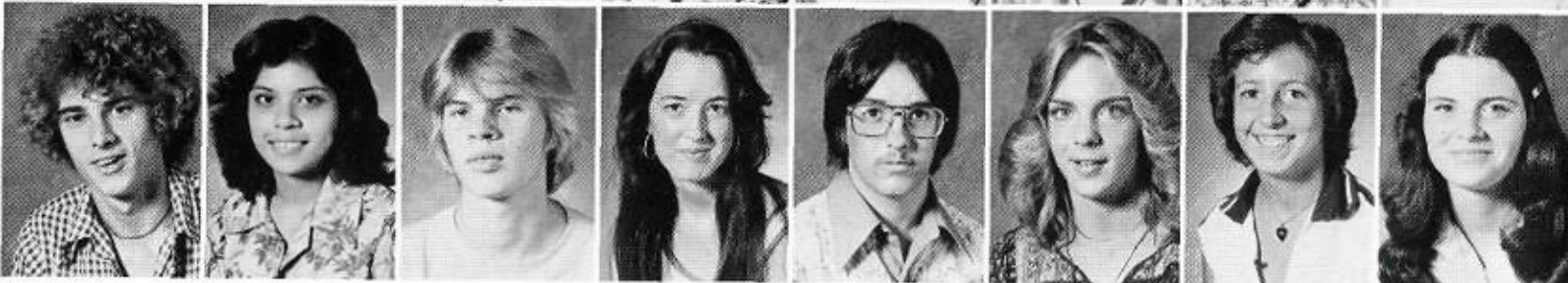
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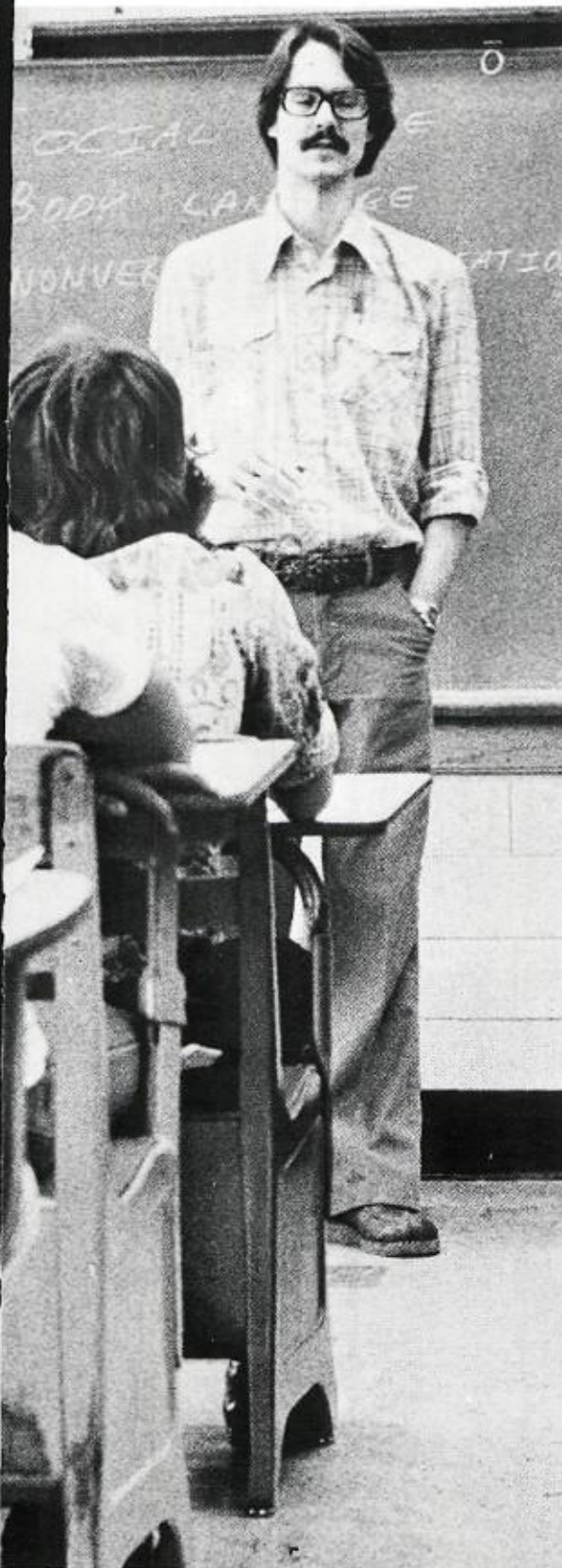


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Gary Kinder
Sheri King
Jerry Lambert
John Lanham
Dennis Lantrip
Jenny Lee



Richard Lewis
Doris Lopez
Jon Love
Tammy Lovelady
Tracy Lusk
Lori McAlister
Kathy McAuliffe
Catherine McBride





Many reflections show through faculty lives

Opposed to the rituals of a student's accepted routine of late starts, slow days and fast evenings, a teacher's day at Abilene High began in a different route and ended in a different channel.

Started by means of the fundamental process of starting a day, a teacher's day acquired a new conception as the morning meal was prepared, the appropriation of people at the appointed time and destination occurred and the arrival at Abilene High as the last point of travel, and thus began the teacher's day.

Classroom enrollment for the five classes taught daily averaged thirty students per period. Thus, for the first 55 minutes a teacher's lesson plan was instigated. For the remaining 225 minutes, teachers reported the process of notes, class discussion, assignments and questions to an often sorted conglomeration of students with disinterested attitudes. To the avail of some students, teachers persevered throughout the minutes

in the struggle to teach. Yet, just as students acquired a break in the afternoon, so did teachers, and although some ventured outside the sheltered life of Abilene High to brave the depths of Dos Amigos, a larger majority remained behind to face challenges of the cafeteria and save some money. Teachers were also given a mere hour for conferences with parents. Since parents often passed by the time for personal reasons, teachers often used the time for drafting lesson plans, grading papers or pondering classroom situations.

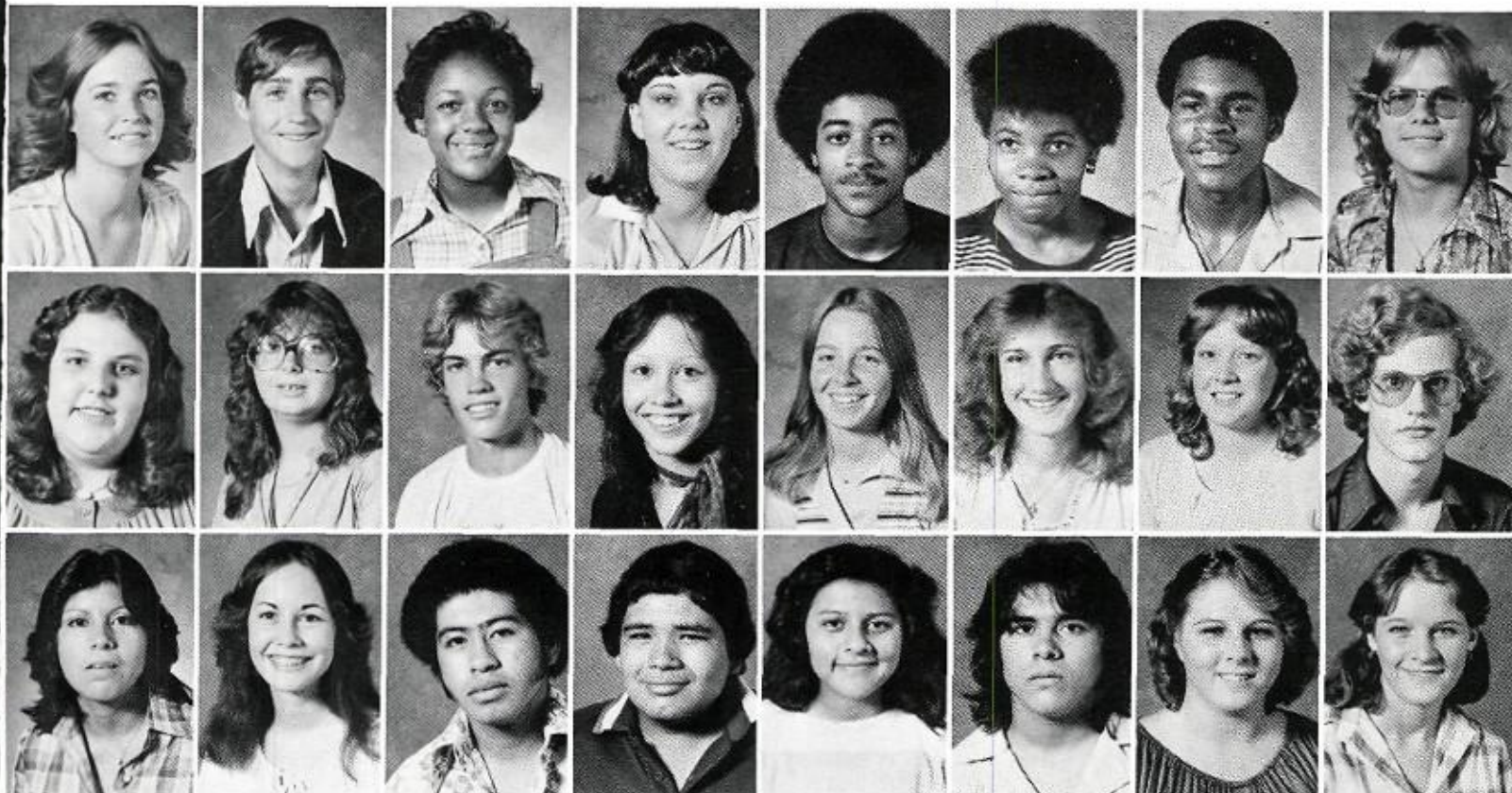
Yet, in a lone hour, few papers were graded and so often students had faded away. Teachers then began the rituals of grading, planning and hoping—for a time of relaxation.

So, in as much as the breaks were planned for students' benefits, likewise were they for teachers, as an often abused majority lay exhausted by the accepted practices of "in my days"



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Michelle McBride
Mike McBride
Angie McCann
Deborah McClain
Paul McGee
Shelia McGhee
Tim McGill
Joe McGlothlin

Cathy McKenzie
Dona McMillian
Wally McNeil
Leala MacDougal
Dianna Macon
Michelle Mahanay
Leigh Ann Manis
Robert Marditt

Rosalinda Martinez
Kim Martin
Ben Martinez
Danny Martinez
Juanita Martinez
Vincent Martinez
Beverly Mauldin
Cheri Mauldin

Administration seeks after school pleasures

Filing forms, keeping records and issuing text books were just some of the jobs delegated by the administration. In fact, the daily routine of school would have been impossible without the administration.

In spite of putting in extra hours on the job and quite often after school, administrators sometime found time to relax and enjoy their families and favorite pastimes.

Although administrators represented discipline and control, their private lives revealed that there was more behind the school scene than work.

According to many office workers, the hardest work at Abilene High was Mr. Lomax's job as principal. He had many responsibilities, one of which was simply to run the school. Although Mr. Lomax had many duties, he also had time for some everyday pleasures. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and even stated that Jimmy Stewart was his favorite of all actors, present and past.

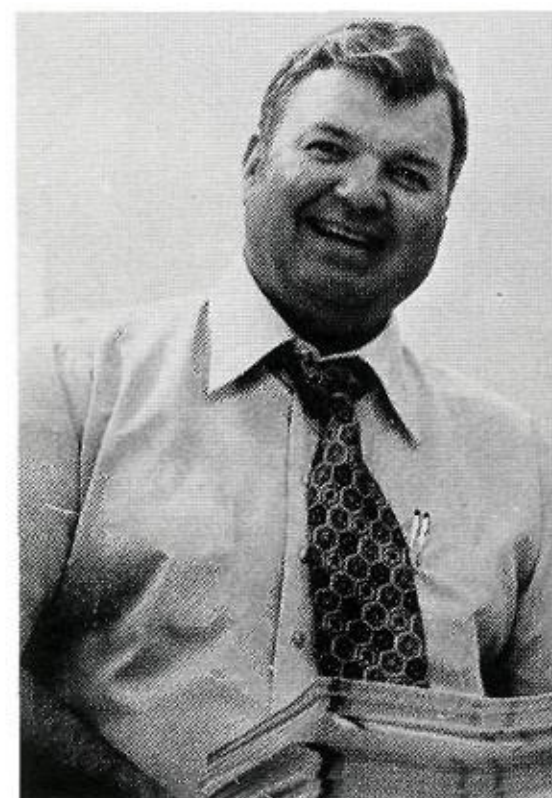
Another hard worker at Abilene High was Mr. Chester McAlpin who filled the role of vice principal. Although he often amused office workers, teachers and students by

humming his favorite tunes while he worked, Mr. McAlpin was always busy with school and its activities. Mr. McAlpin enjoyed hunting and loading his own shotgun shells.

Filling the position of assistant principal was Mr. Charles Perkins. Mr. Perkins was responsible for textbooks and the lunch room and snack bar. In his pastime Mr. Perkins enjoyed his favorite hobby, gardening. Mr. Perkins especially enjoyed watching actor Charles Bronson whom he favored above all other actors.

At one time or another, all students had to visit the Dean's office. Naturally, everyone knew Mr. Lynn Nichols, Dean of Students. He guided students in the planning of activities and assemblies. He was also heard daily over the P. A. giving the morning announcements. Mr. Nichols found contentment in buying, selling and restoring antiques. Who was his favorite movie star, he made no hesitation in saying Sean Connery.

Although most students felt that administrators only worked, many actually found time for pleasurable activities which were often enjoyed by all humans.



Linda Maxwell
Denise Mayhall
Robin Meador
Ricky Meddera
Sara Medrano
Lisa Mellon
Sorinda Meza
Theresa Miko



Alice Miller
Christine Miller
Debra Miller
Stuart Miller
Jim Millikin
Joe Mitchell
Ron Modesty
Sammy Montanez



Beverly Moody
Clarence Moore
Kathy Morris
Patty Morris
Thomas Moses
Lora Mosley
Brian Moss
Linda Munoz





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1. One of the facets of secretarial work is demonstrated by Mrs. Jean McClure as she prepares for the morning coffee break.
2. After a long day at Abilene High, Mr. Lynn Nichols stretches out while receiving attention from his cat, Red.
3. Paperwork although tedious, does not seem to bother Mr. Chester McAlpin as he moves stacks from his desk.
4. Capturing fun in the sun, Mr. Gayle Lomax relaxes while practicing his infamous form.
5. Relaxing after a tiring day a AHS, Mr. Charles Perkins inspects cumulative folders.



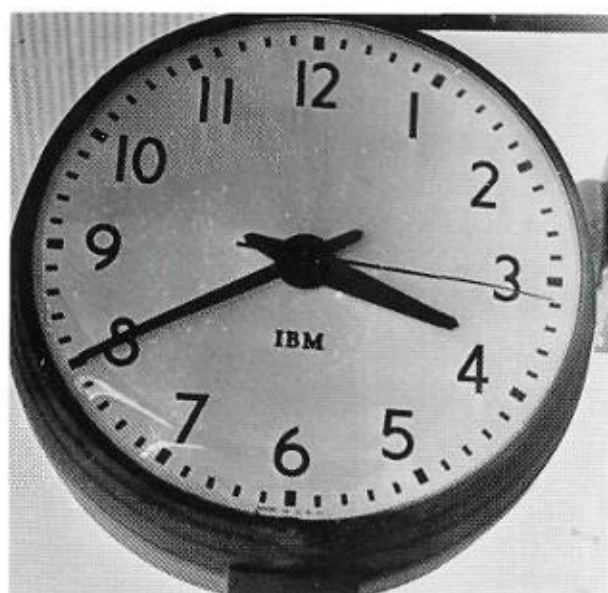
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Bill Nance
Manuel Nieto
Dale Nuber
Allen Odstrical
Bobby Oles
Lanora Oliver
Vicki Olney
Nitas Olson

Dennis O'Neill
Mike O'Neill
Scott Orr
Layonda Owens
Ermelinda Palacios
Mike Palash
Janie Paredu
Sonny Parish

JoAnn Patino
Darrell Payne
Shirl Payne
Woody Payton
Naomi Pecina
Mike Peebles
Susan Pendley
Mike Pennell



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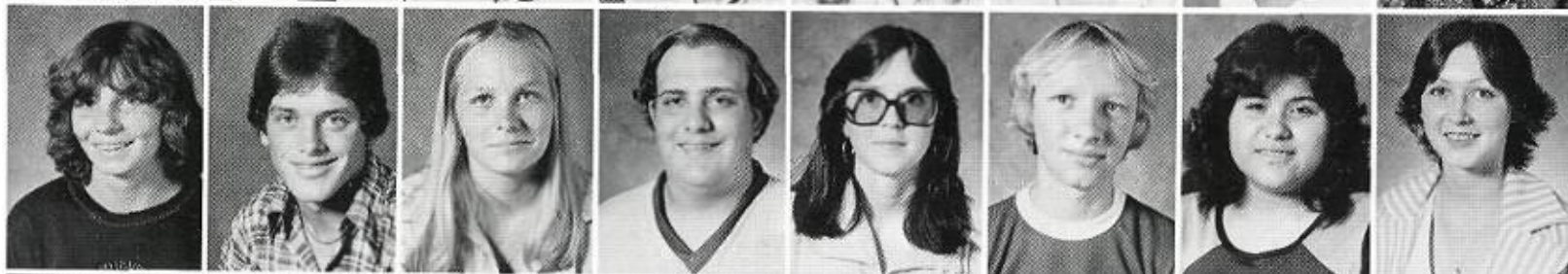


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Clarence Penns
Hector Peralez
Danny Perez
Ronald Petty
Chris Pierce
Kim Pierce
Sharon Pierce
Dana Pippin



Sharlotte Pot
David Potts
Lori Powell
Steve Powell
Louise Prescott
Russell Preston
Debra Plonas
Cheryl Price



Teena Price
Mike Pruitt
Chris Quigg
Ken Ramey
Jesse Rameriz
Anita Ray
Melody Reece
Melissa Reece



Working to learn, learning to work

VHAAAAM!!!!

Windows rattled and pictures fell. As the echo died, the student was left with an empty feeling. The same old thing, it happened over and over again. Anytime a complaint about school had been voiced the same worn out phrase had been utilized.

"You think you have it bad. Well I work!" This statement had ended many discussions between student and parent.

School was work. While 30 years of time may have erased the pains and left only good memories for parents, for those students who were going to school, it was still plain, out and out work.

Being on time to class was a major issue, for it had to be done seven times daily. To be just two seconds late was to be in trouble. With only three tardies, any student was severely reprimanded, and with five tardies the parents were called.

Competition for good "pay" was fierce. Only a hallowed few reached the pay scale of the much wanted "A". Those who did not measure up, fell into the ranks of B-D and sometimes below.

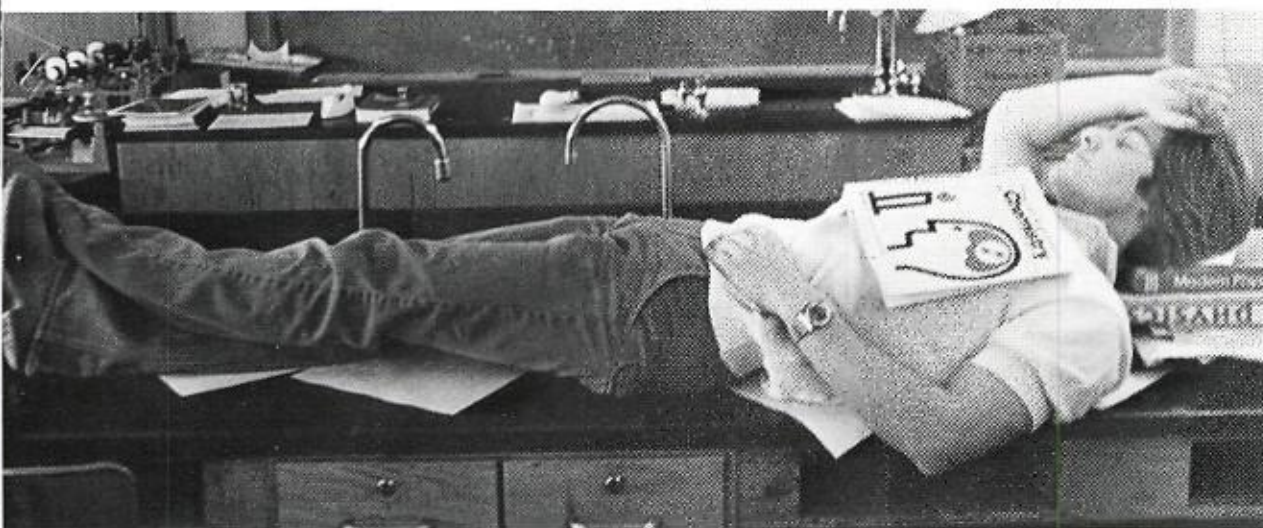
This competition, plus the pressures of getting into college made for tension and worries. However, for some, all these problems were multiplied tenfold.

With gas prices increasing continually and prices in general skyrocketing, many students had to take jobs just to make ends meet. The worries of school were compounded by the new job often causing a drop in grades.

With a drop in grades, more pressures were brought to bear. With all these pressures plus other incidental heartbreaks along the way, adolescent life was very hard for the over 2,000 at Abilene High.



Don Taylor



1. Reminding the students of the need for punctuality, time is omnipresent.
2. Scurrying to classes, students fight the hustle and bustle of a student body of over 2,000 members.
3. Nervously awaiting his fate, Chris Carrion sits alone and intimidated in the office.
4. Catching a few zzz's between classes, Glenn Owen reposes amid the clutter of his work.
5. Although time-clocks are not employed for regular use, students feel the pressures of required promptness.

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Pam Reiff
Betty Rhoades
Dora Rhodes
Mike Rich
Lori Ricker
Gina Riddle
Cheryl Ridgway
Maria Riose

Rhoda Ritche
Doug Roberts
Wille Roberts
Kelly Robinson
Robin Robinson
Dianna Rodriguez
Jesse Rodriguez
Mae Rodgers

Steve Rodgers
Raymond Romero
Donald Roquemore
Ruben Romero
David Rosales
Susan Rose
Thomas Rose
Danna Rossana

1. Socializing during the hour-break in the school routine, Teresa Barnhart and Woody Payton take advantage of the little time they have together during the day.

2,3. The next best thing to being there; Carrie Thorne and Steve Scales spend time on the phone anxiously awaiting the next "person-to-person" encounter.

4. Arriving at the Royal Inn for lunch, Thomas Bullet politely lets Pam Davis out of the car.

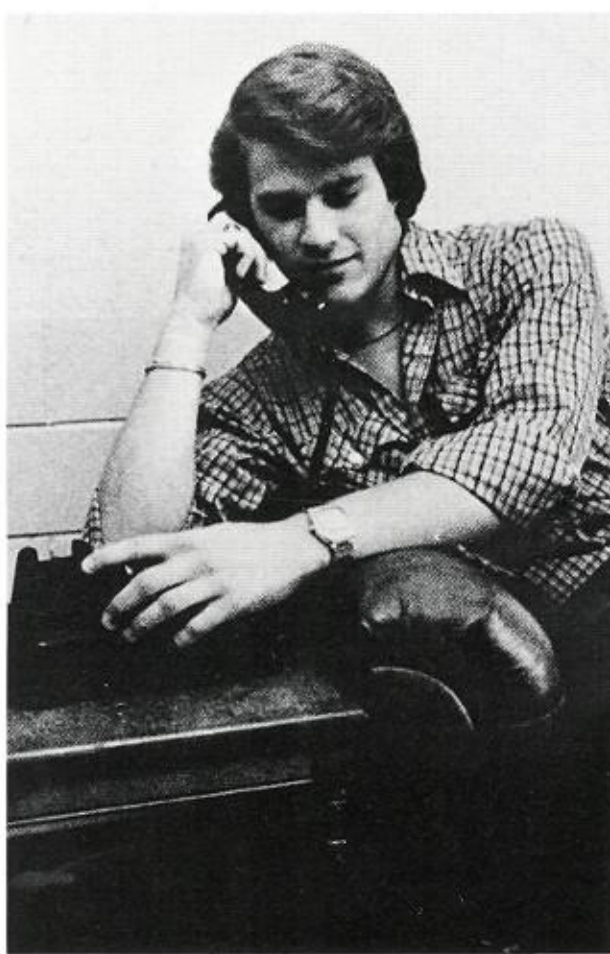
5. Enjoying a coke and each other's company, "Tiger" Thompson and Susan Taylor relax on a Sunday afternoon.



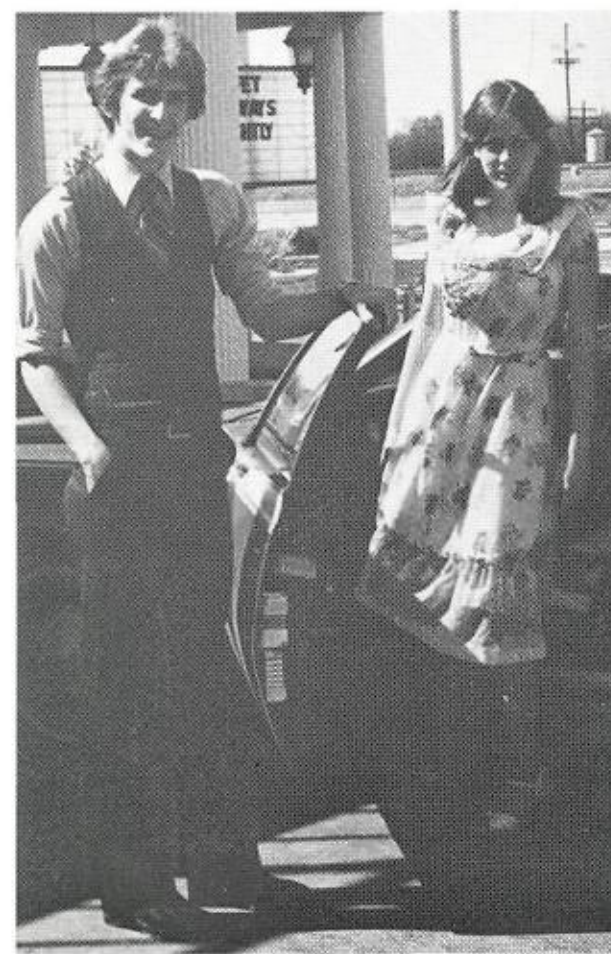
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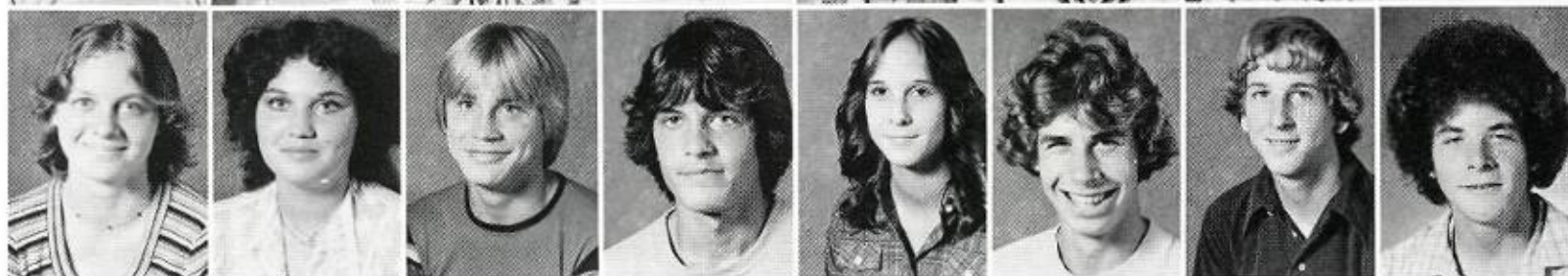
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Linda Rush
David Russell
Ann Salisbury
Diane Sanders
Jerry Sanders
Robert Sanders
Joe Saucdeo



Tim Savage
Donna Schaeffer
Cheryl Scott
Connie Scott
Sherry Seals
Glowy Seangurai
Mike Shaffer
John Shagula



Linda Shake
Elizabeth Simon
Mark Sims
Jimmy Sinclair
Kila Smith
Seth Smith
Don Spence
Tim Spiegell





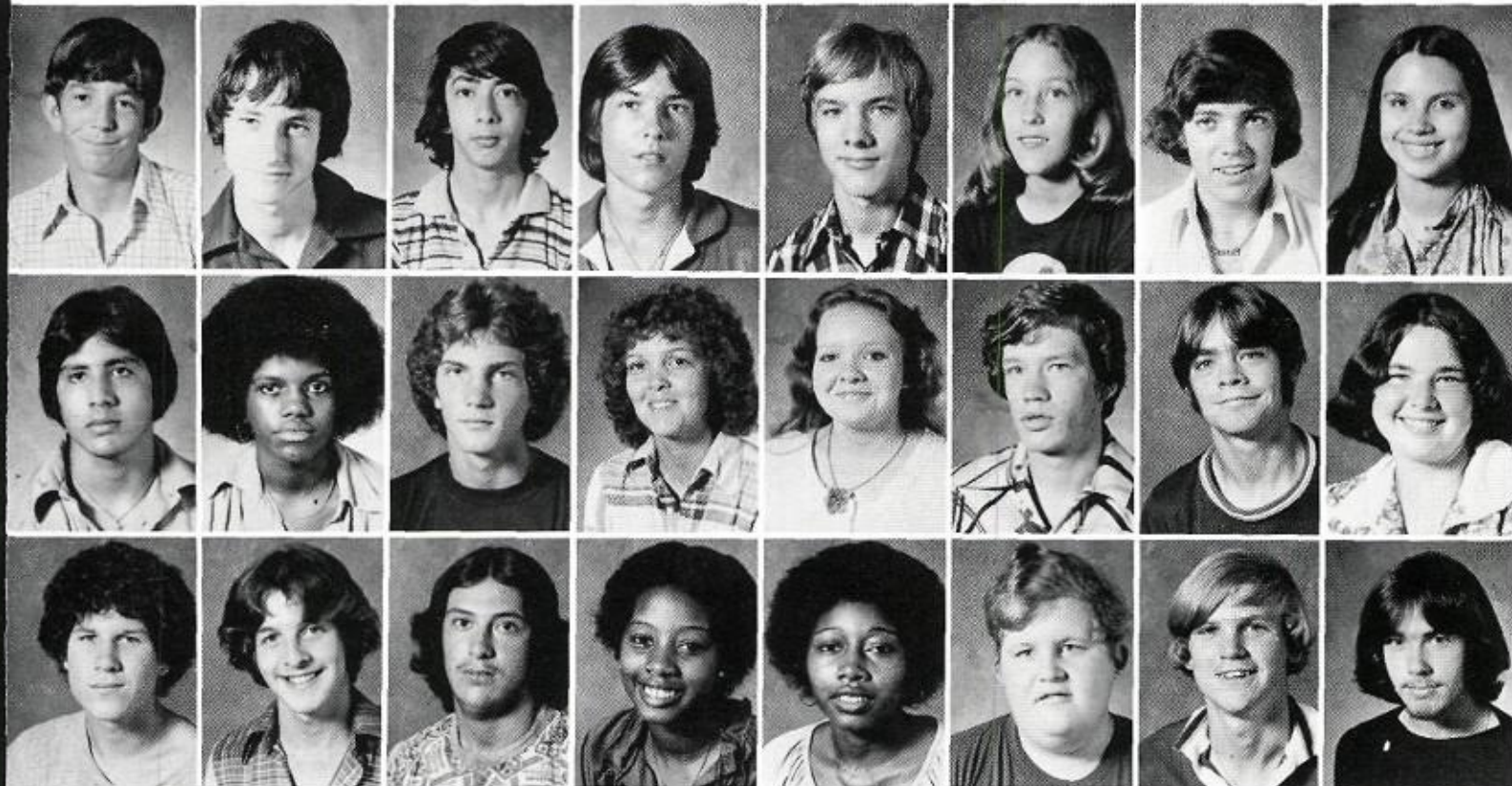
Costly dating worth hassle for students

One of the quickest ways to mismanage twenty dollars was soon discovered, to the avail of students, to be dating. On the average, inflation continued in an upward motion and unlike common sense, so did dating.

A typical Friday or Saturday night date normally began with a movie, which, including tickets and refreshments, came to approximately ten dollars; unless students desired other attractions with steeper interests, appeal and price. After the movie, came the evening meal, and depending on finances ranged from a Big Mac at McDonald's to a steak at the Pelican. The latter was anticipated, but McDonald's became reality. To the avail of Abilene High students, the meal quickly disappeared and so had five to ten dollars. In true Abilene style, the drag was next on the agenda of events, and thus the gas gauge regressed, as friendships increased.

So as the night came to an end, and the evening activities reviewed, daters came to the realization that twenty dollars had vanished, but the memories remained. After all, students worked hard at school and jobs; and although the price of relaxation was steep, it was well worth it.

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Mitchell Spivey
Steve Stahl
Leroy Stakard
Donald Steele
David Stern
Denise Steward
Larcy Stice
Delores Stokes

Pat Stokes
Jackie Stones
Brian Stout
Terrie Stratton
Denise Strawn
Bill Stucker
Gary Sutton
Debbie Swaim

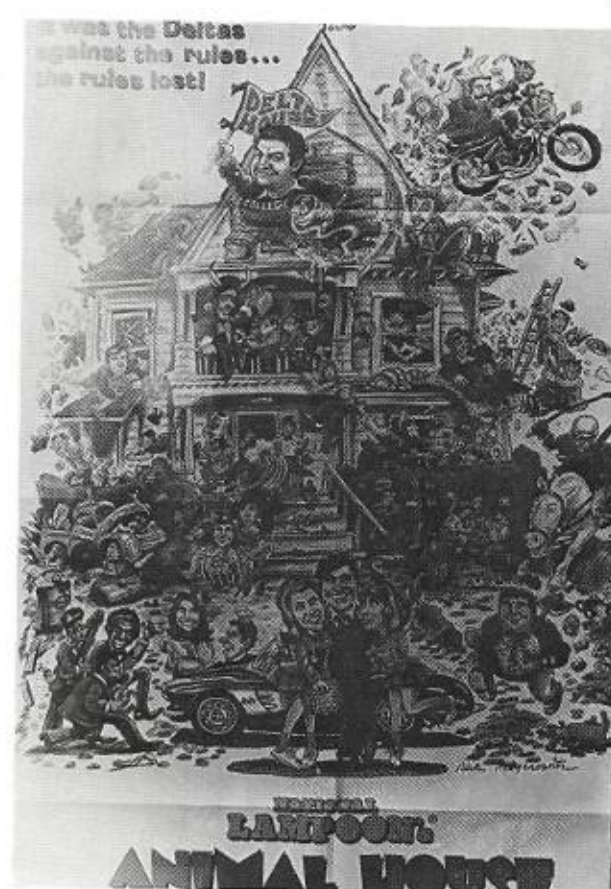
Tony Swinde
Mike Tabor
Leo Taquez
Diane Tate
Kim Tate
Terry Tarum
Dave Taylor
Don Taylor

1. Drooling over the new sex symbol of the year, Erik Estrada, Simone Youngblood, Rhonda Gillis and Rene Decker snoop for the inside story.

2. Marking a major trend in popular music, the Bee Gee's and Billy Joel record albums are displayed at one of the Abilene's record and tape stores, Sound World.

3. From movies in the news, National Lampoon's Animal House launches a new fad, the toga party, ripping through the nation as the newest craze.

4. Setting up his room with beautiful posters, Jeff Boland adds to his collection in decorating his room with Cheryl Ladd, Susan Anton, Linda Carter and the ever-popular Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders.



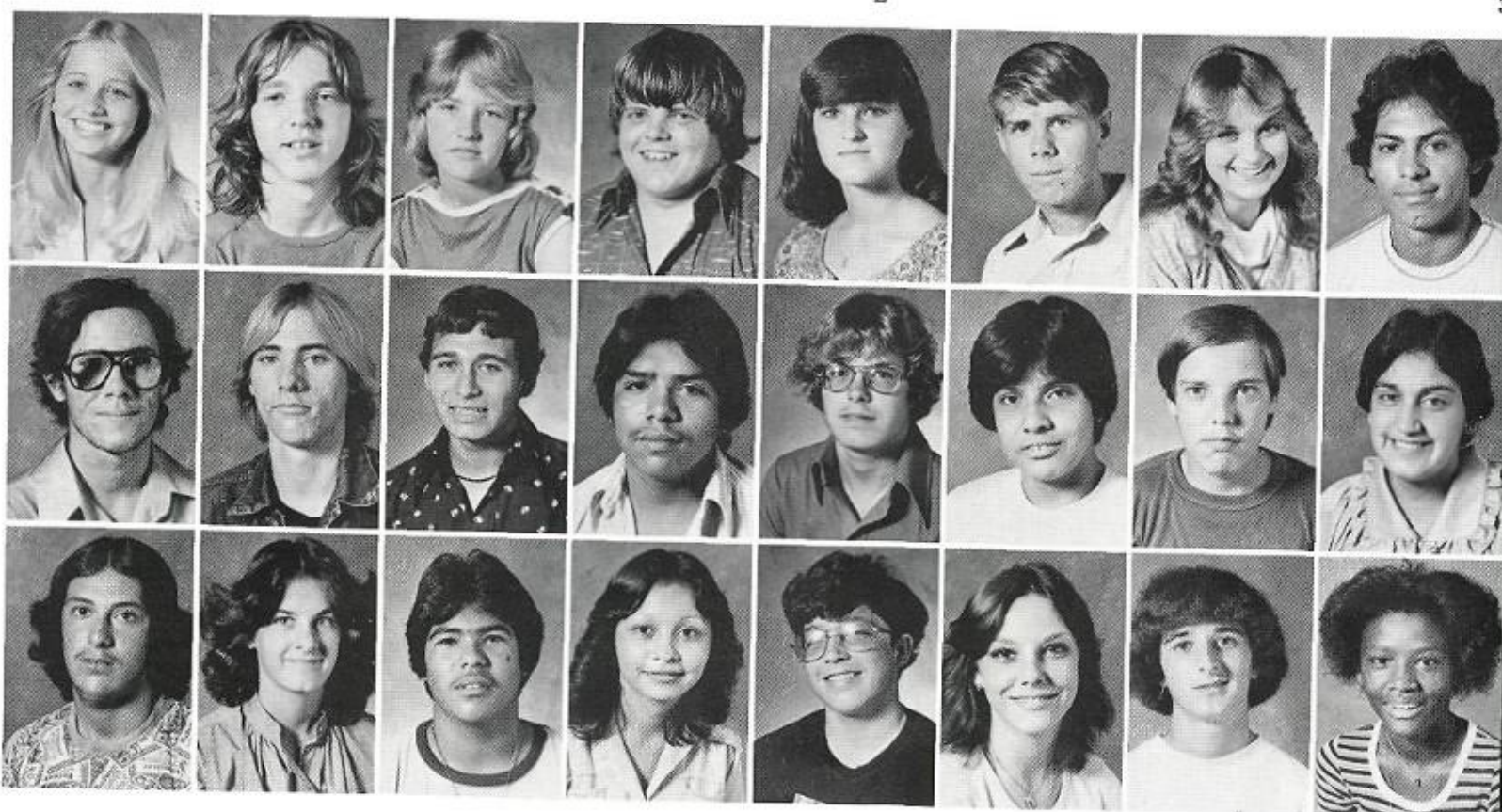
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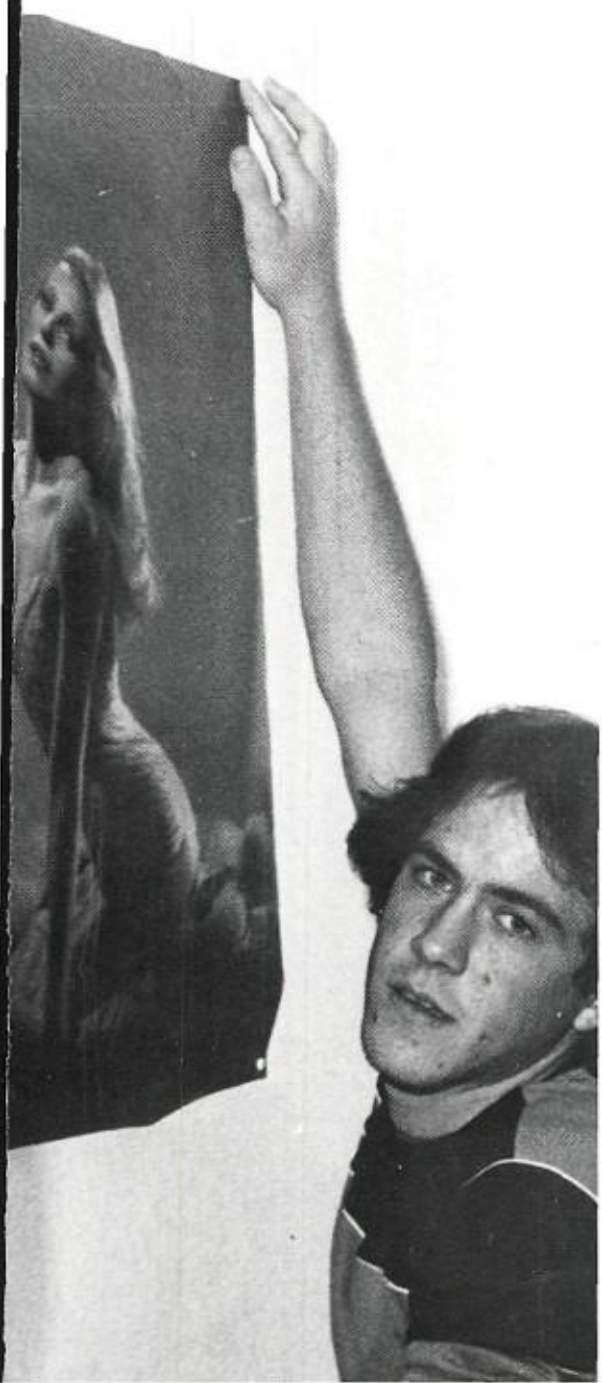
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Susan Taylor
Thomas Tekut
Barbara Thomas
Tommy Thomason
Renee Timmons
Gary Tindall
Suzette Tirpitz
Lupe Tonche

Sean Tracey
Frank Trasp
Marvin Trevino
Arnold Trinidad
John Turk
Angel Valdez
Richard Vanderalist
Connie Vasquez

Leo Vasquez
Pam Vick
Bobbie Villarreal
Kathy Villarreal
Steve Walden
Viva Waldren
Billy Waldrop
Shirely Walker





Celebrated movie stars – symbols of 1979

Hitting the pop scene of the nation for 1978-'79 were the top records, movies, stars, famous men and women, and the favorite dramatic and comedy television shows.

Selected by the annually televised People's Choice Awards, "Mash" won the nomination for the established comedy series with "Mork & Mindy" receiving the honor for the new comedy of '78. For the dramatic television series it was competition between "Little House on the Prairie" and "Battlestar Galactica." Alan Alda, Hawk-eye of "Mash" and Robin Williams, Mork of "Mork and Mindy" came out on top with the People's Choice Awards for the best male actors on TV. The outstanding female actresses on television were comedians Carol Burnett and Mary Tyler Moore with Pam Dawber, Mindy of "Mork and Mindy," who came up as the new female star.

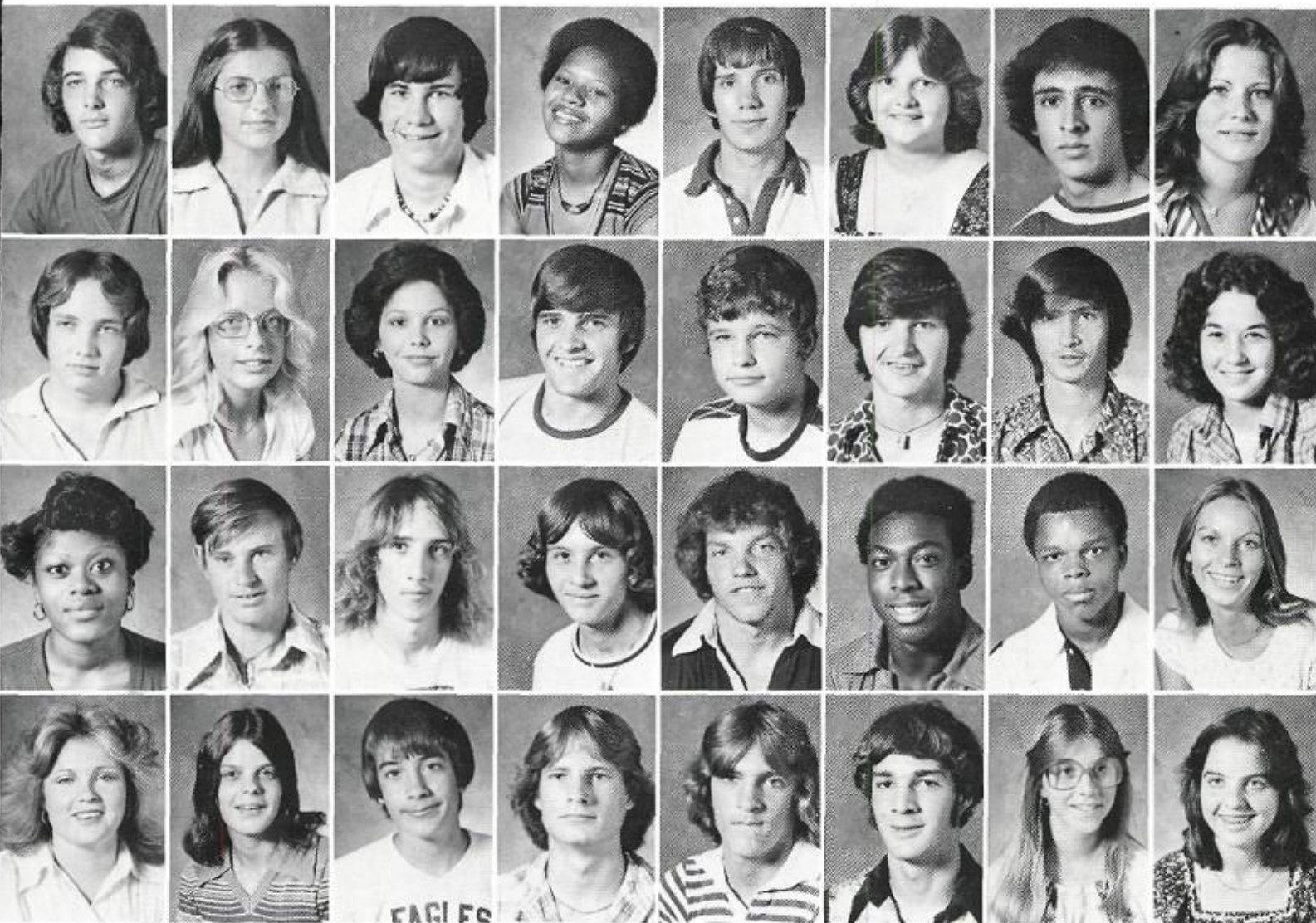
Grease, a picture depicting teen-agers in the 1950 era, won the award for the best

musical motion picture of the year linked with the most widely received non-musical movie for '78, *National Lampoon's Animal House*, which portrayed life in a rowdy college fraternity. Favorite actor and actress in the motion picture business were film stars Burt Reynolds and Olivia Newton-John.

The People's Choice Awards chose Andy Gibb and Billy Joel for top male vocalists with their female counterpart country singer Olivia Newton-John receiving the honor also. Top songs of the nation with the highest record sales were "Three Times A Lady," "Hot Child in the City," and "Double Vision." These songs won the nominations by the poll of young people twelve to twenty-one years old.

Of course, the young people at Abilene High remained loyal to their school as they continued to vote AHS the nation's top school.

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Tim Walker
Anna Warren
Scott Warren
Karen Washington
Eric Watson
Susan Watts
Brad Welch
Darla Welch

Gary Westbrooks
Tonya Wheeler
Teri Whetstone
Brent Whitaker
Buck Whitehead
John Whitehouse
Charlie Whitly
Diane Whitney

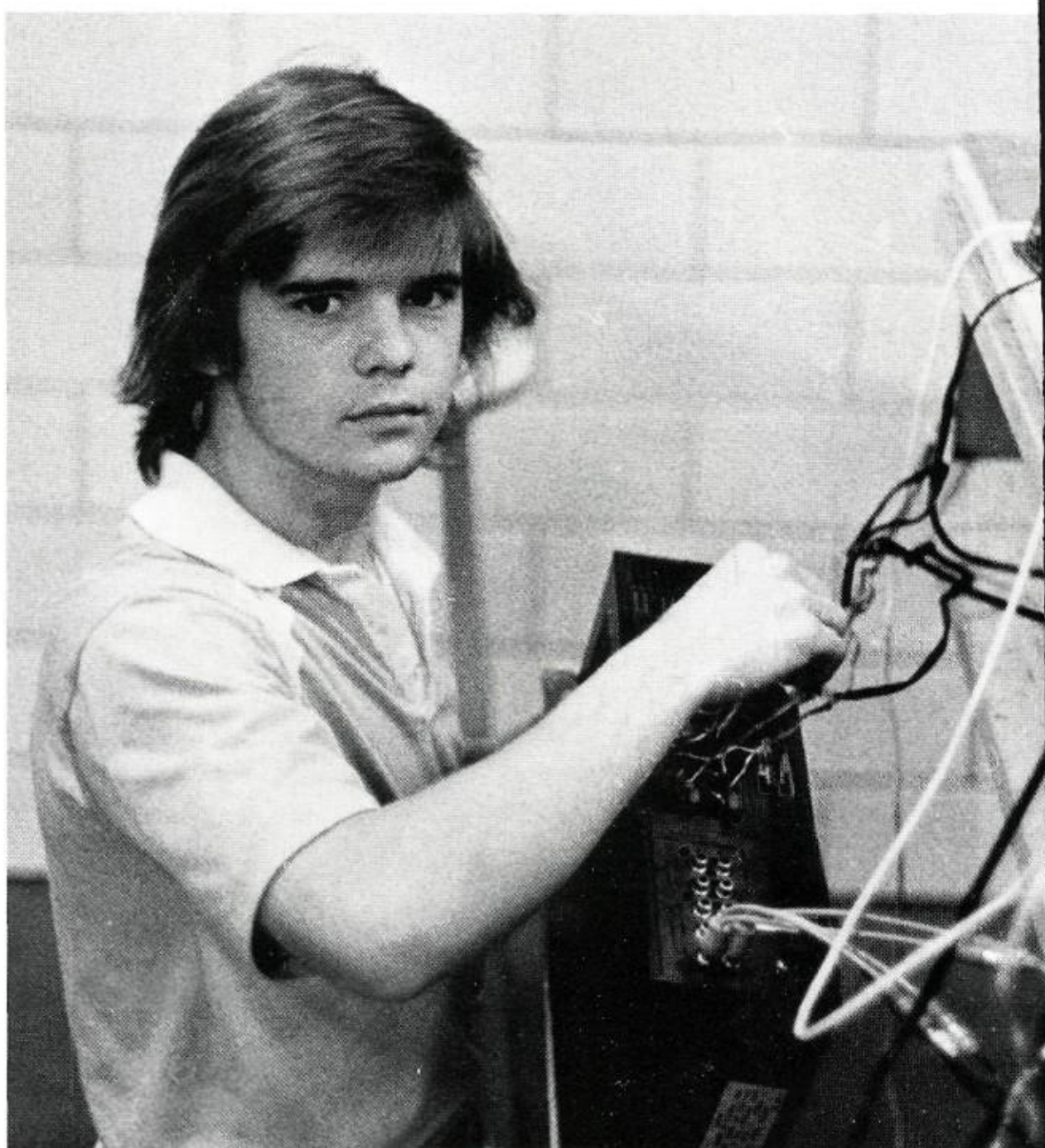
Sheila Wiley
Edwin Williams
John Williams
Mike Williams Jr.
Randy Williams
T. J. Williams
Tony Wilson
D'Ann Winters

Brenda Wise
Robin Wise
Kevin Wishard
David Wolfe
Randy Woodard
Alan Woods Jr.
Sharyl Young
Simone Youngblood

1. Placing first in the logo competition for the KAHS radio station is Joe Rocha's depiction of the AHS spirit.
2. Actively involved in the inauguration of KAHS, technician Lee Sims wires the stereo.
3. Lost in a world of his own, D. J. Buck Land prepares his next spot.
4. Filling the air waves, Richard Bradford provides an enjoyable atmosphere for lunch while John Brady provides technical assistance.

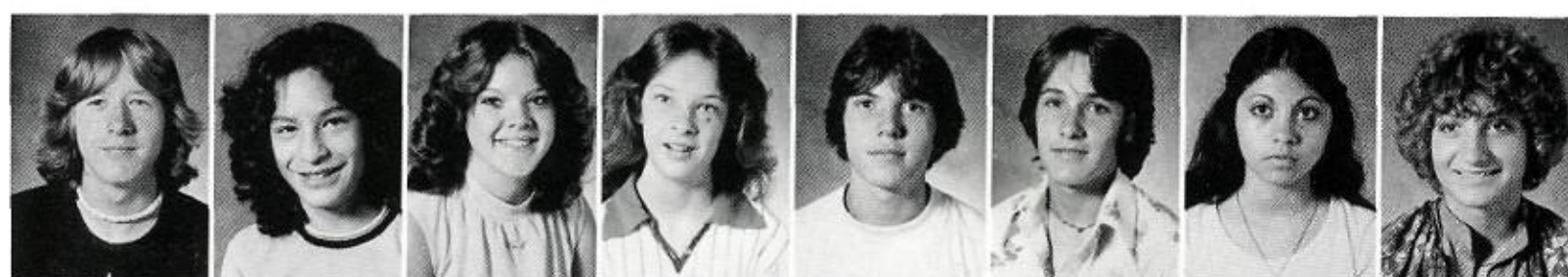


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Roger Abbott
Mario Acosta
Sherry Adair
Cherly Adams
Robby Adkins
Kenneth Adkinson
Matilda Alba
Mindy Albaugh



Rose Ann Albritton
Margie Aldridge
Lasly Allen
Betsy Amador
Nancy Anderson
Marty Aquiro
Kathy Augustadt
Ron Augustadt



Bruce Bailey
Karen Bailey
Gina Baber
Sandra Balwin
Teresa Banda
Ginny Barber
Debbie Barcik
Debbie Barrego



Linnie Bassett
Karen Battee
Fernando Bayley
Anthony Beblowski
Dana Beitscher
Scott Bell
Melissa Berry
Bobbie Bennett



Soaring sound of KAHS motivates enthusiastic spirit in cafeteria

Rocking to the beat of a new sound, radio station KAHS presented the ever popular disco and rock with a little country added to appease the West Texas natives. The creation of KAHS represented the most outstanding achievement by the Abilene High Student Council for the 1978-'79 school year.

Providing musical entertainment for the student body during the lunch hours, KAHS proved to be an exciting project completely organized and run by students. Student Council members contacted local record

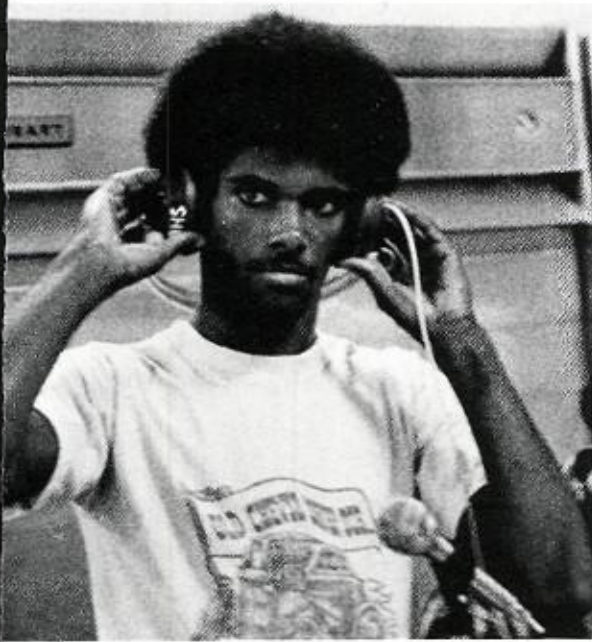
shops which donated promotional materials including records and posters. Operating in the northwest corner of the cafeteria, the station brought in more students who began eating in the school cafeteria.

Disco jockeys tryouts were selected by the D.J. committee. Disco jockeys rotated approximately every two weeks with a training period in between. Serving as a D.J. allowed students to employ their imaginations and speaking abilities.

Many students helped with the development of the program. The radio station com-

mittee was responsible for construction, publicity and business operation of the station. Chairman of the committee was Alex Vasquez. Other positions included business manager, Joy Hulett; publicity manager, Nelson Coates, and construction chairman David Wolfe, Lon Jones and Steve Mowery. Technicians were Lee Sims and Tim Castaner.

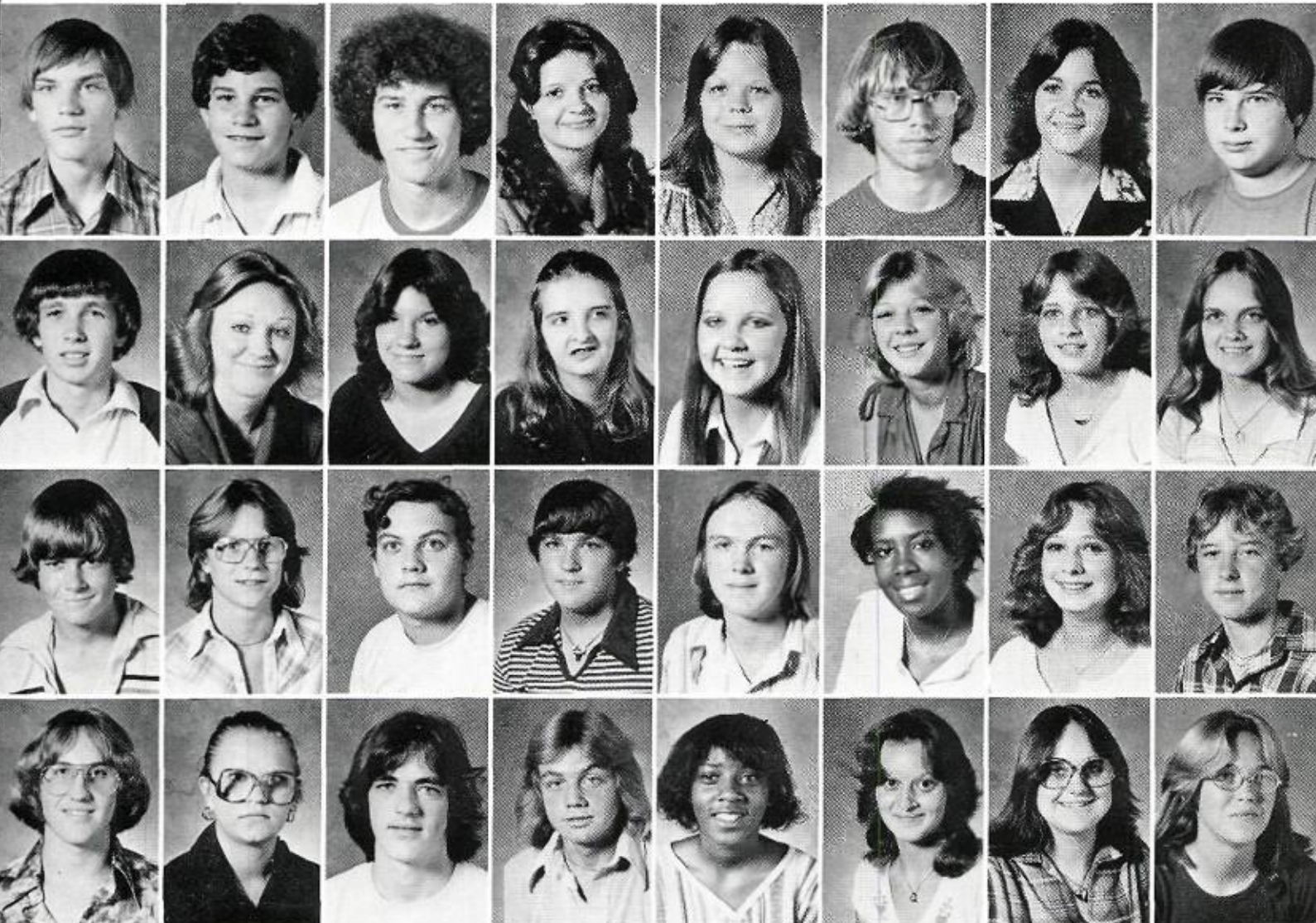
KAHS radio proved to be a great start to a wonderful program. KAHS added a new dimension to Abilene High School.



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James Bell
Chris Bergman
Kenny Berry
Delia Best
Carrie Briddix
John Bilbrey
Tracy Bishop
David Black

Tony Blair
Susan Blankenship
Debbie Borcik
Terri Bourbon
Bonnie Bowen
Sherry Bozarth
Stacy Brecheen
DeeAnn Brewczynski

Rusty Bridges
Greg Bridgestack
Thomas Brister
Jerry Brooks
Larry Brooks
Jeanne Brown
Jeff Brown

Jo Brown
Lucy Brown
Jeff Bryant
Russel Burks
Benita Burnett
Debbie Burns
Kathy Burton
Ruth Burton

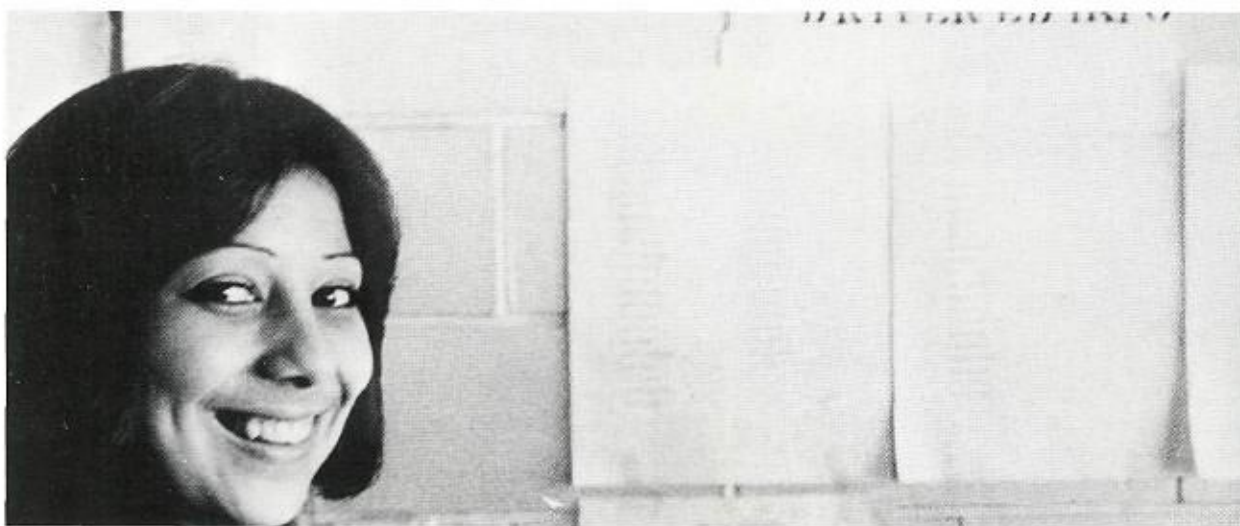
Sophomores continue to endure pressures

Radical changes faced the sophomore class of 1978-'79 just as they had the classes before them. Of course, the hardest change to adjust to was starting over at the bottom again only to work up.

The larger high school campus also affected the daily routine of sophomores. Off campus lunch was a step forward for those who had a car and license, but not for those who had a license but no car.

Guiding this group of struggling adolescents, the sophomore class officers provided the leadership necessary of the traditional underdogs. The sophomore officers not only gained knowledge and endurance while working on the annual musical production of Sing Song but also made many new friends as they worked together.

Both the class and its officers sought to make sophomores accepted and welcomed on the campus, but as class vice president Jackie Flores commented, "The sophomore class is the largest class, but it has the smallest amount of influence. So we really have a hard time expressing ourselves."



Logan Burton
Mike Byrd
Jeff Byrd
William Byrum
Bob Cahill
Jay Lynn Cambell
Johnny Campbell
Stacia Cammerer



Greg Cannon
Bridget Carroll
Shirley Carrillo
Chris Carrion
Leonard Carrion
Glenn Carpenter
Jo Carmickell
Ricky Castghan



David Caylor
Edward Chapple
Melanie Chatman
Melinda Chatman
Ricky Chatham
Lucy Childers
Greg Chittum
Andrei Christian



Cindy Churchman
Kyle Crisman
Ricky Cisneros
Mike Clark
Rebecca Clavez
James Claxton
Paul Cloud
Linda Contos





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1. Hoping for the best, sophomore Norma Daniel signs the bottom of the list for driver's education.
2. *Sophomore Officers.* Ben Gonzales (president), Jackie Flores (vice president), Sharon Howe (secretary), Melanie Chapman, (Student Council representative), Rosie Sanchez (treasurer).
3. Braving the early morning chill, Suzanne Hickey portrays sophomore spirit and participation in band.
4. Enjoying a few free moments together, sophomore Loyal Profit and Page Pierce eat lunch.

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Rodney Collins
Melody Collu
Danny Conner
Sonja Cook
Donna Cooley
Randy Cooper
Rebecca Cooper
Esther Cortinez

Loella Corning
Linda Cortinez
Ray Cortinez
Katheleen Cosby
Tina Cottrell
Susan Craig
Dodie Cranfield
Shannon Couch

Karen Cummings
Celeste Curtis
Melanie Curtis
Meldi Dalrymple
Denise Dambach
Norma Daniel
Debbie Daniels
Darren Dannenberg

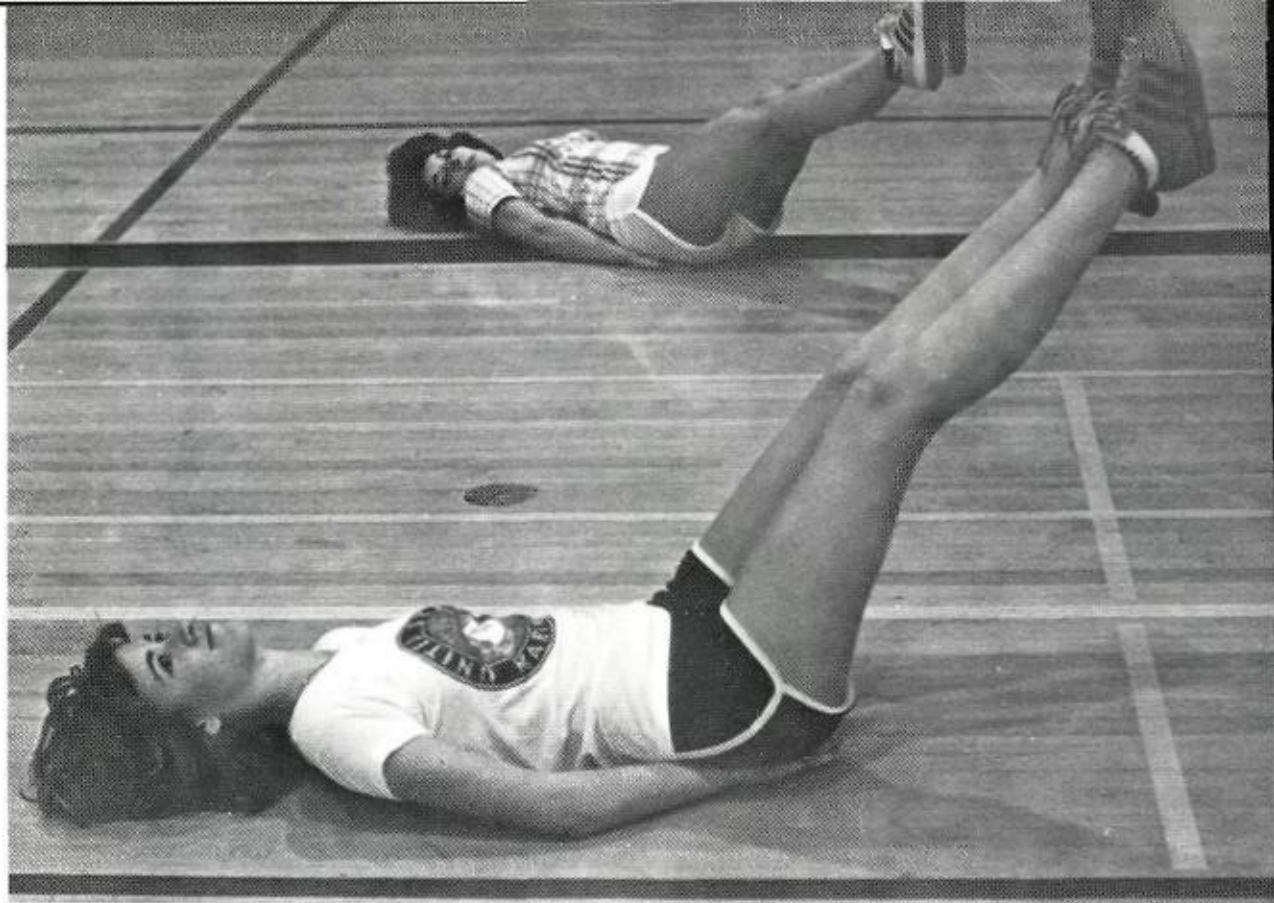
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Michael Doughty
Diane Davis
Pam Davis
Rhonda Davis
Tammie Davis
Mike Dawkins
Joe De Anda

Elections produce AHS student leaders

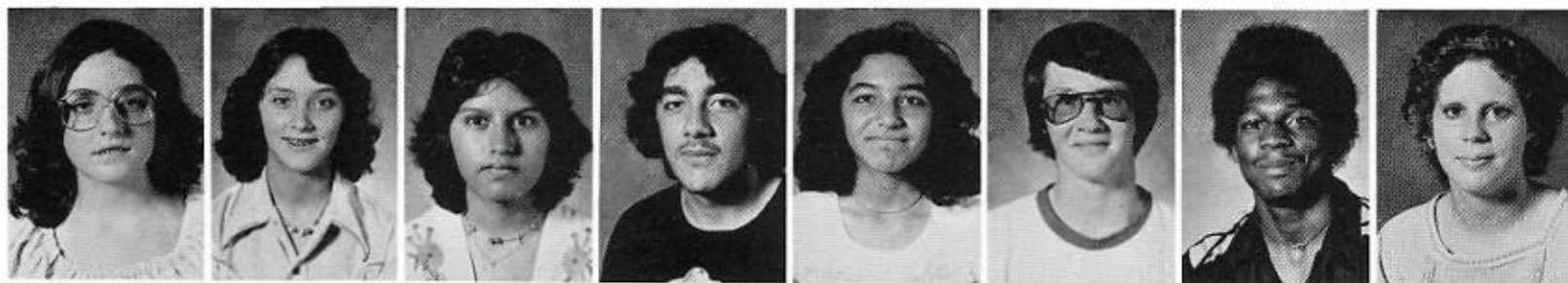
Along with the spring of 1979 came the cutting of trees and the closing of gas stations as gas prices rose higher and higher. With these also came the most important elections held at Abilene High—the elections of Student Council officers and the Cheerleaders.

Designed after official state, county and local elections, student council elections were complete with voter registration, precincts and voting machines. Mr. Wes O'Dell and Student Council officers thought the new way would be a good experience for the students to prepare them for voting in Taylor County elections.

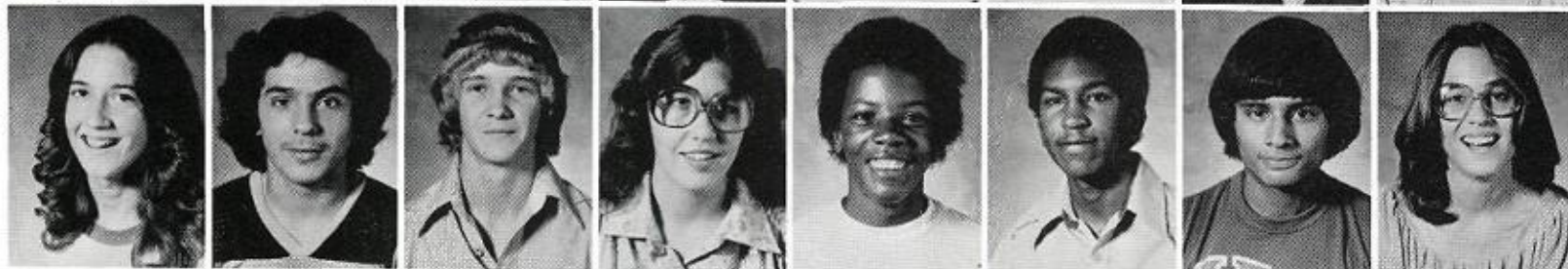
Also held during spring were cheerleader elections. Although only twelve girls tried out, the competition was stiff. The girls started workouts on March 26 and continued until April 12. On April 13 after a dual assembly where the girls demonstrated their abilities, the elections were held. The dedicated girls who won the spot for cheerleaders of 1979-'80 were Cathy Carver, Cynthia Willis, Kim Pierce, Michelle Mahaney, JoAnn Patino and Rhoegina Deatherage. The excitement came with tears of both joy and sadness. The experience made lasting friends, as the girls realize that the next year would bring times of working together.



Tracy Deatherage
Renee Decker
Amila DeLeon
Freddie DeLeon
Marcella DeLeon
Jay Dennis
Kevin Diggs
Judy Diner



Dendy D'Lynn
Jamie Depoyster
Carl Dodd
Susan Dulude
Calvin Dunn
Rodney Dunnington
John Duran
Becka Eastburn



Steve Echols
Dennis Eck
Alice Edwards
Beverly Edwards
Ann Elam
Mike Eleftheriades
Cindy Elkins
Adula Enriquez



Edward Enriquez
Francis Escobar
Alvan Estrada
Raymond Estrada
Toni Esparza
Mary English
Stephanie Eubank
Janet Fagan





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1. Trying helplessly to go through workouts, Becky Bourland and Shelia Cummins look forward to competition.
2. Taking their places as newly elected Student Council officers for the 1979-'80 school year are Melinda Taylor, corresponding secretary; Reggie James, president; Rhonda Gillis, treasurer; Alex Vasquez, vice president; Sherri Rhodes, recording secretary.
3. Cheerleaders elected during the spring for the 1979-'80 season are Rhoegina Deatherage, Kim Pierce, Cynthia Willis, Cathy Carver, JoAnn Patino and Michelle Mahanay.
4. Scrubbing the Eagle is a tradition chore of a hopeful cheerleader as Cheryl Ridgeway and Rhoegina Deatherage discover.
5. Joyful tears come to Kim Pierce as she is congratulated as a new cheerleader.



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Randell Feemster
Pat Fenner
Dede Fields
Derrick Fields
Mike Fields
Sharon Flannagan
Cora Flores
Jackie Flores

Joel Flores
Ruben Flores
Tony Flores
Charles Flowers
Dixie Francisco
Paul Frazier
Jay Frej
Jeanette Fuller

Ann Gale
Lisa Gallimore
Lori Gannon
Gail Garcia
Eliva Garcia
Greg Garcia
Gerald Garcia
Jena Garcia

Joe Garcia
Noe Garcia
Sylvia Garcia
Mitchell Gardner
Rodger Garrett
Bill Garrison
Judy Garrison
Victor Gauna

Follies goes disco

Directed by: Seniors
Written by: Seniors
Cast by: Seniors
Produced by: Seniors
Laughed by: Seniors

Amid chuckles, out right laughter and a few scattered boos, seniors vied for attention by presenting themselves in the most ridiculous, outlandish skits during their last fling at AHS. Taxing their imaginations to the utmost, seniors reached deep into the well of talent and brought forth great draughts of unprecedented greatness. The great outpouring of skill and humor signaled the beginning of the end for many of the graduating class.

There were, however, a few highlights to the seemingly endless parade of amateurish skits and acts. Some of the acts consisted of a flute solo, "Nadia's Theme" by Linda Ables; the Blue Brothers by Teri Hawkins, Steve Couch, Randy Davis, David Armandariz; a solo theme from *Ice Castles* by Clay Hale; a solo theme, "I Feel the Earth Move" by Kathy Martin and many other acts which continually kept students laughing.



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David Garza
Hilda Garza
Rachel Garza
Lyndall Gathright
Thomas Ghant
Darrel Glover
Pamela Glover
Liz Gomez



Marie Gomez
Ben Gonzales
Diana Gonzales
Effie Gonzales
Jesse Gonzales
Linda Gonzales
Ricardo Gonzales
Rosie Gonzales



Cheri Gooch
Jerry Goree
John Greenlee
Artie Griffen
Stanley Griffen
Vickie Griffith
Dwight Grimstead
Marian Grimstead



Blas Guerrero
Breda Gutierrez
Ida Gutierrez
Cindy Hadley
Jeff Hagemann
Teri Hagler
Dennis Hale
Loni Hall





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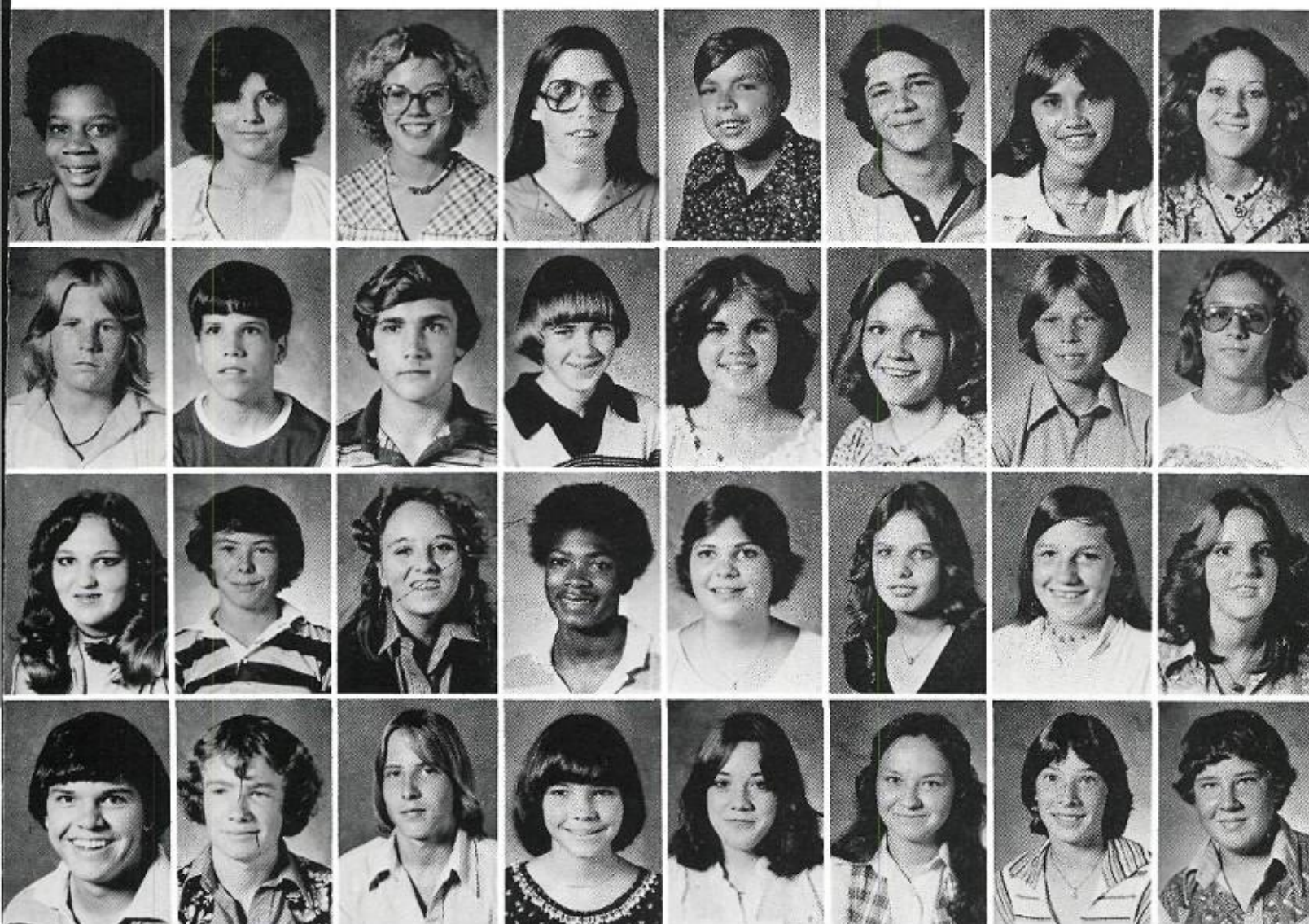


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1. Providing instruction as well as entertainment, Nelson Coates and Regina Ball welcome watchers to Disco Minute.
2. Reflecting the Blues Brothers style, Randy Davis sings of his lost love.
3. Amid confetti and shouts of "Toga! Toga!" John Brady raises the symbol of college life.
4. Adding culture to Senior Follies, French Club members thrill the audience.
5. Softly flowing from Lida Ables' flute, "Nadia's Theme" creates a time for reflection.
6. Saddened by the thought of leaving AHS, David Armanderez takes refuge on the shoulder of Phil Boone.
7. Celebrating the finale of Senior Follies, seniors gather on stage.



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Vatina Hall
Cyndi Hallford
Angie Halliburton
Sandra Hambleton
Benny Hambrick
Steven Hambright
Laura Ham
Denise Hammersmith

Phillip Hansen
Keith Hardwicke
Mike Hargesheimer
Jeff Harper
Katie Harper
Terri Harris
Daryl Harrison
Eddie Hart

Lennette Hartwig
Roger Hatley
Alisha Hawkins
Robert Haynes
Mary Hazelton
Melody Heaton
Karen Henderson
Ruby Hendrick

Freddy Hernandez
John Heslap
Suzanne Hickey
James Hickman
Marla Hicks
Melinda Hicks
Janet Higgins
Tim Hill

Prom plan prevails

Radiating across the Windsor Hotel ballroom, the effervescence of prom night at Abilene High implanted itself in the memories of AHS seniors. May fourth was glamorized, romanticized and electrified throughout the entire year; it was the first prom in Abilene High School history.

Seniors took a brief break before descending to the ballroom after thoroughly consuming a delicious catered banquet dinner. The band Shade Tree supplied the atmosphere for the flurry of ecstatic movements on the dance floor. Amid the spine-tingling disco vibrations from the band, the couples swayed in breath-taking sensationalism. The dance floor was the center of sparkling titillation until the magic hour of midnight emerged. The stroke of twelve ended the dreamlike vision that had continuously been created.



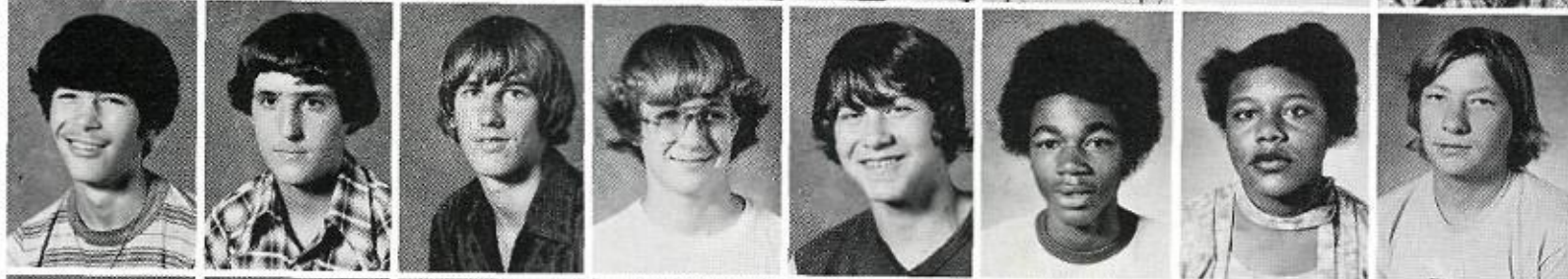
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Pam Hobson
Michelle Hodges
Gayla Holder
Barbara Holinds
James Hollowell
Clyde Holston
Troy Hooper



Darla Hooton
Donald Hopes
Mary Hopkins
Versie Hopkins
Malinda Hoppe
Gary House
Billy Howard
Kevin Howard



Gary Howell
John Howell
Mark Hudson
Paul Hulett
Arle Hunter
Reggie Hunter
Ann Hutter
Tommy Ingram



Rhenda Isreal
Diane Jackson
Jan Jackson
Sonya Jackson
Amanda Jacobs
Elva James
Janet James
Todd James





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1. Happy memories of the prom help AHS seniors bring the year to a close.
2. Displaying their own style and class, seniors gather for a few last moments together.
3. Retreating from the crowded dance floor, Devra Hoef and James Tally partake of some cool drinks.
4. Swaying to the music of Shade Tree, Rhonda Gillis and James Potter get into the mood of the prom.
5. During the band's break, Felix Garcia and Cindy Claunch pause to revive themselves for another hour of feverish festivities.



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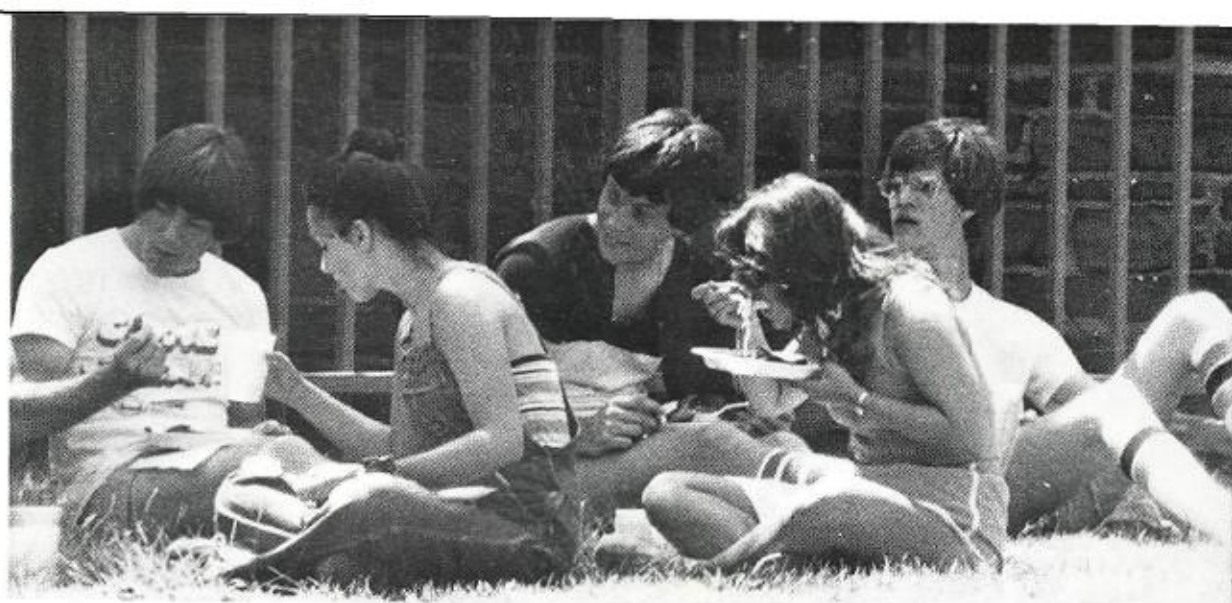
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Nancy Jones
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Sharon Jones
Kenny Joyner
Heidi Kammerer
Stasia Kammerer

Tonya Keasee
Linda Keeney
John Keenun
Kevin Kennedy
Cassie Kilpatrick
Keith Kinard
Eli King
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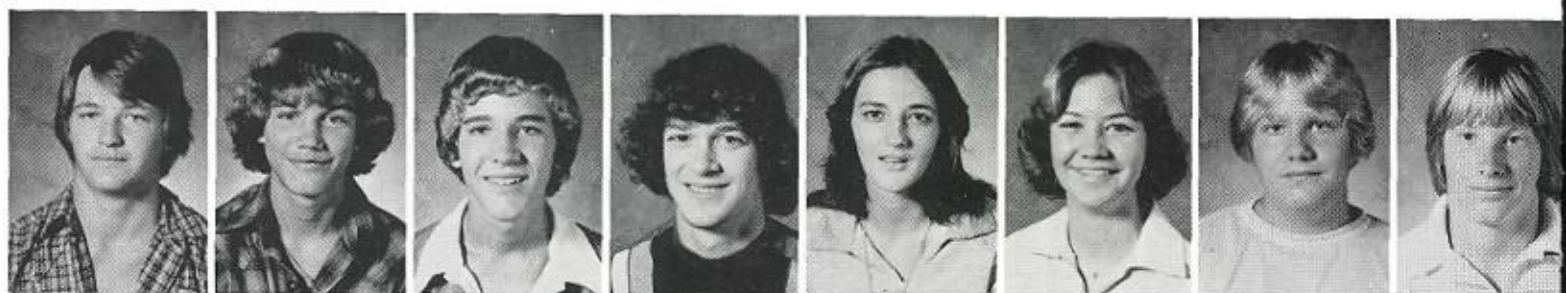
1. Capping off a day picnicking, seniors enjoy a barbecue meal.
2. Taking her turn at bat, Jere Madison takes a swing for her team.
3. Intently running onward hoping to help her team to victory is Sharon Shelton.
4. Graduation senior Wade Gillum hurls the frisbee towards his partner.
5. Preparing to punch the puny volleyball Jeff Smith makes his move.
6. Looking on as Alan Smith prepares to receive the baton from his partner are Roy White and Ken Evans.



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Lloyd Legg
Greg Lemond
Jeff Letz
Toby Leib
Susan Like
Tracy Linder
David Little
Mark Lochwood



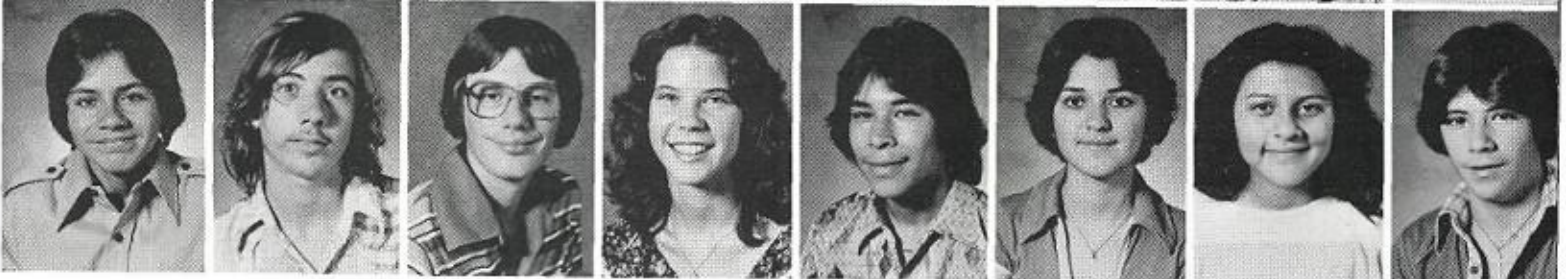
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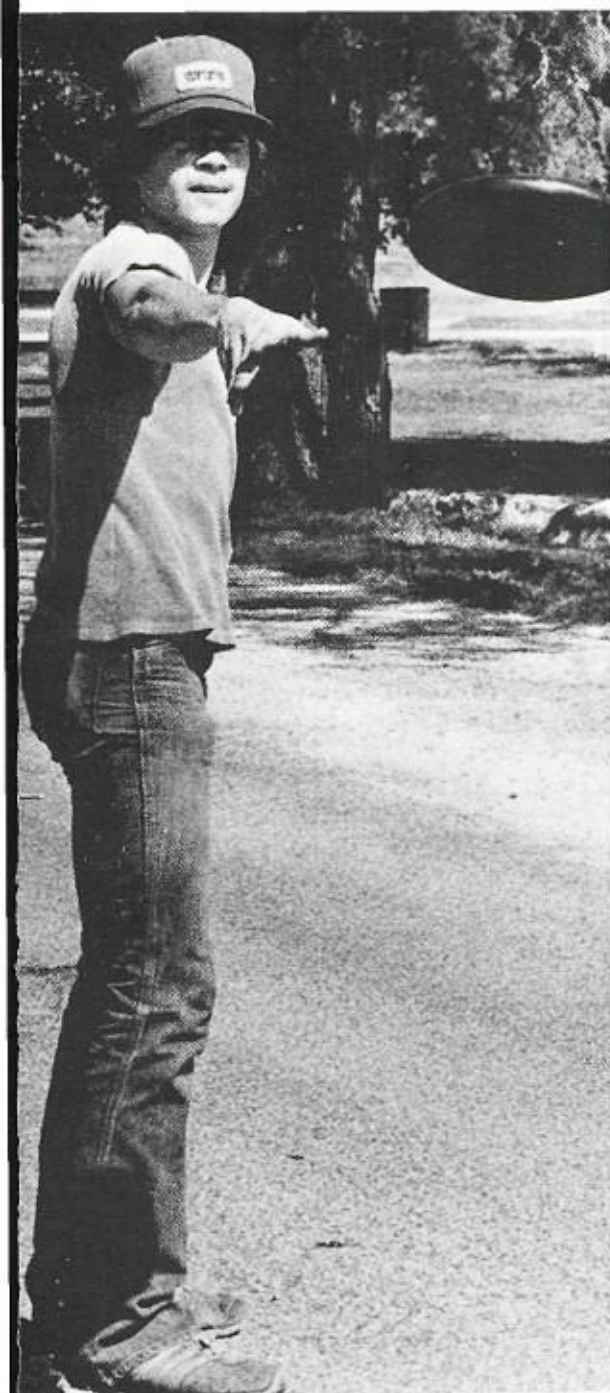


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Mich McDonnell
Melissa McHarser
Tresa McKinnon
Steve McMahan
Patsy McMurray
Greg McNutt
Gene Malone



John Marquez
Steve Marrow
Philip Marshall
Renea Martin
Alfred Martinez
Chris Martinez
Juahita Martinez
Randy Martinez





Picnic becomes Sr. symbol of fulfillment

Then it came—May 18, 1979—an eventful day that marked the ending of a twelve year crusade. The senior picnic day was held during the final days before graduation.

While underclassmen attended regular classes, seniors were arriving at Abilene State Park eager and waiting for a day of activities for everyone.

Seniors were divided into teams designated as red, green, blue and yellow with each battling for the honor of victory. The activity schedule was filled with a three inning softball game where guys batted with the opposite hand from which they normally used. Other events included relay races, tug-of-war, volleyball and the infamous egg toss won by Richard Flores and his partner. After totaling the points, the red team led by team captain Nelson Coates was declared the winner.

At 12:15 p. m., everyone called a truce and ate a hearty lunch catered by Mack Eplen's. Finally the picnic was over, and after lingering and talking, everyone gathered in their cars to make the return to Abilene.



Tino Martinez
Glenna Mathis
Cherls Mayler
Greg Mederis
Rodney Medearis
Katy Melton
Mary Miko
Jakie Miller

Kelly Miller
Donna Molina
Bret Monroe
Vincent Monrrial
Donna Morey
Thomas Morgan
Traci Morgan
David Morris

Joy Morris
Debbie Martinez
Patricia Moss
Dawn Mosser
Steve Mowery
Mike Muckleray
Tonya Munsa
Tonya Murray

Lisa Naper
Nagle Clayton
Melanie Nelson
Victor New
Darcy Newlun
Charlene Newmuny
George Newman
Tina Nichols

Exciting Six Flags thrills AHS seniors

Exciting thrills and chills of Six Flags proved adventurous to the 276 seniors who dared to enter the gates of Six Flags during May of 1979.

Year after year the seniors traveled the long road from Abilene to Six Flags. This trip had been an Abilene High senior tradition since 1973.

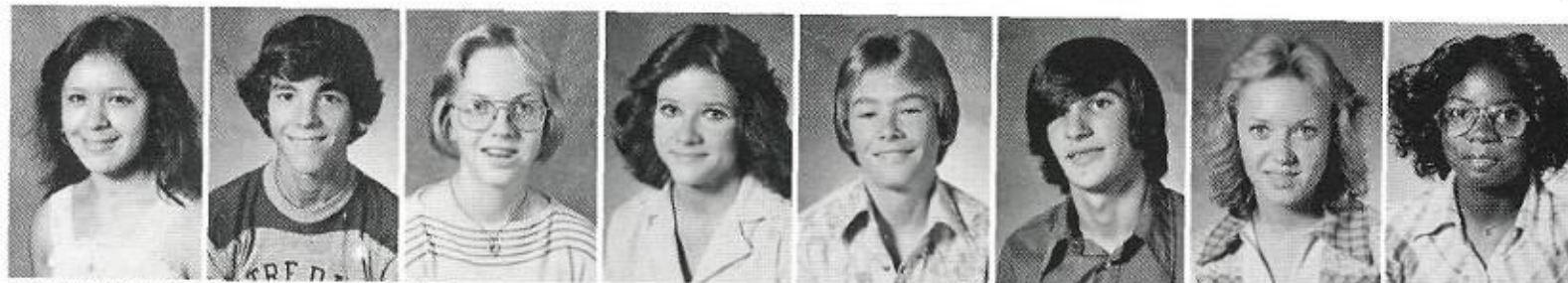
Along with their fourteen sponsors, the seniors boarded nine buses at 7:00 a. m. on Friday morning, May 25. The day was spent enjoying rides, drinking Cokes, attending shows, eating hot dogs and taking Roloids. When 7:00 p. m. rolled around, all of the sun roasted seniors boarded the buses and rested from their long day during the long trip home.



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Mary Neito
Tony Northrup
Dana Nuber
Mark Oates
Annette Odell
Tony Odom
Susan Ogle
Cynthia Oliver



Sonthavil Olson
Jeff O'neil
Daniel O'niel
Carlos Ortega
Kathi Otto
Toni Owens
Susy Oxford
Carla Page



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Kara Parker
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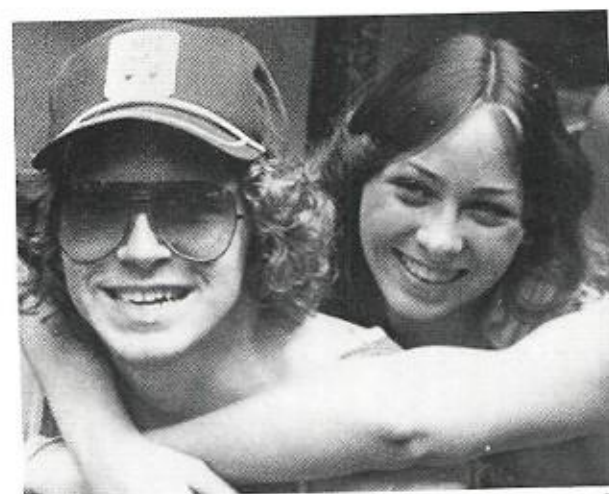
1. Just clowning around, Steve Scales and his alter ego share a laugh or two.
2. For a change of pace, Brent Carlisle, Charon Worthing and Tim Baxter take a ride.
3. Checking the schedule for the next attraction, Charla Baker chooses the puppet show.
4. Taking a lift on the Texas Chute-out gives a sky view of what Six Flags is really like.
5. Taking a moment out of their busy schedule at Six Flags, seniors pause for a few last moments of togetherness.
6. While Betty Dudley flirts with the clown, Glenn Caldwell and Cathy Stuehler look on.
7. Waiting in anticipation for the log ride, Chuck Mitchell and Kathy Martin take their seats.



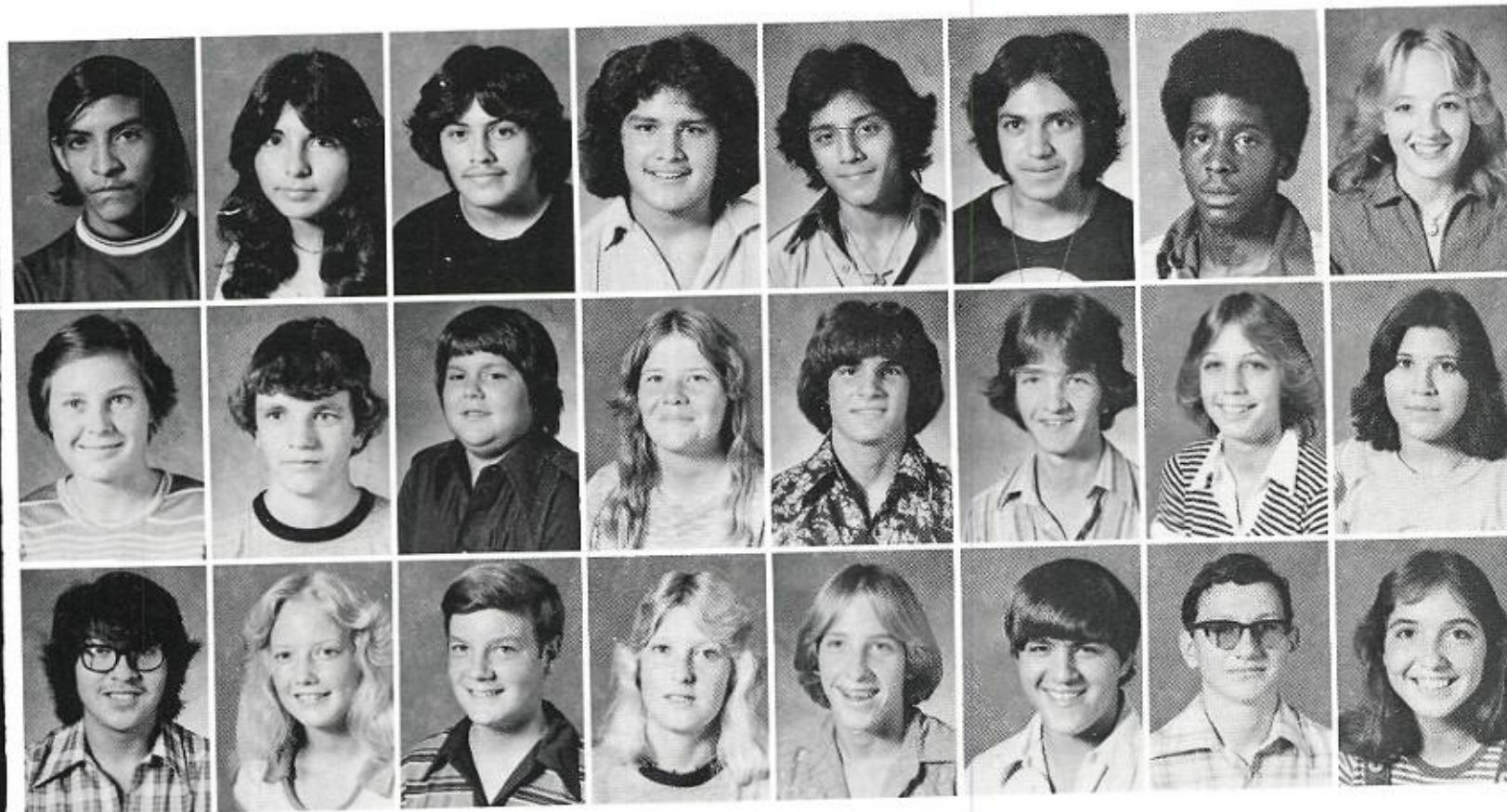
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Peter Pequino
Anna Pereles
Gilbert Peres
Joe Perez
Richard Perez
Johnny Perles
Steve Perry
Keri Persch

Deborah Peterson
Micky Petty
Matt Phelps
Gail Phillips
James Phillips
Nicky Phipps
Paige Pierce
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Jimmy Pogue
Eva Polton
Paul Prestridge
Joe Price
Ray Pritchett
Sonja Pruitt

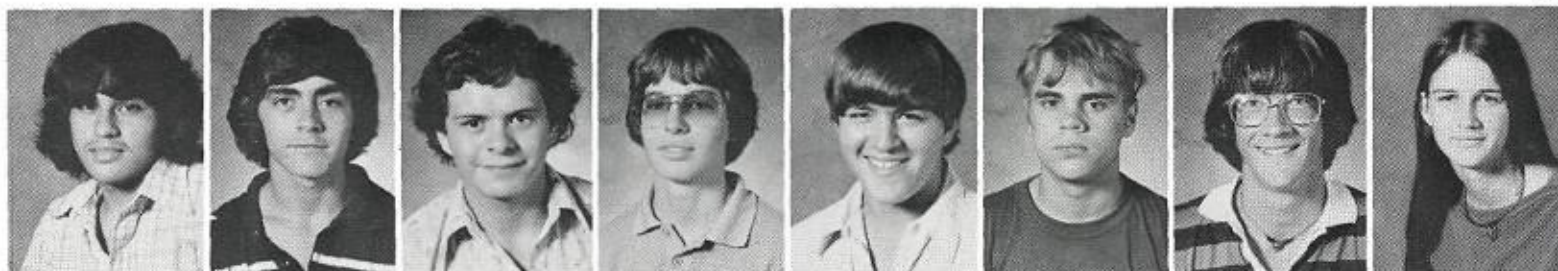
1. Reciting the class history, Angie Northrup and Myra Cumby take a humorous trip down memory lane.
2. Graduating as one of the top twenty-five students proves to be a great achievement for these honor students.
3. Admonishing seniors to realize future goals, Mr. Lynn Anderson addresses the Class of 1979.
4. Waiting patiently, seniors listen as Principal Gayle Lomax announces award winners at baccalaureate.
5. Pledging allegiance to the flag, participants at baccalaureate service stand at attention.



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Andy Portillo
Greg Portillo
Jesse Portillo
Gary Potts
Joe Price
Walter Price
Loyal Proffitt
Jeanette Pulschor



Carolyn Quigg
George Raines
Edna Ralston
Danny Ramirez
Magart Ramirez
Mary Ann Ramirez
Cesar Rangel
Crista Rankin

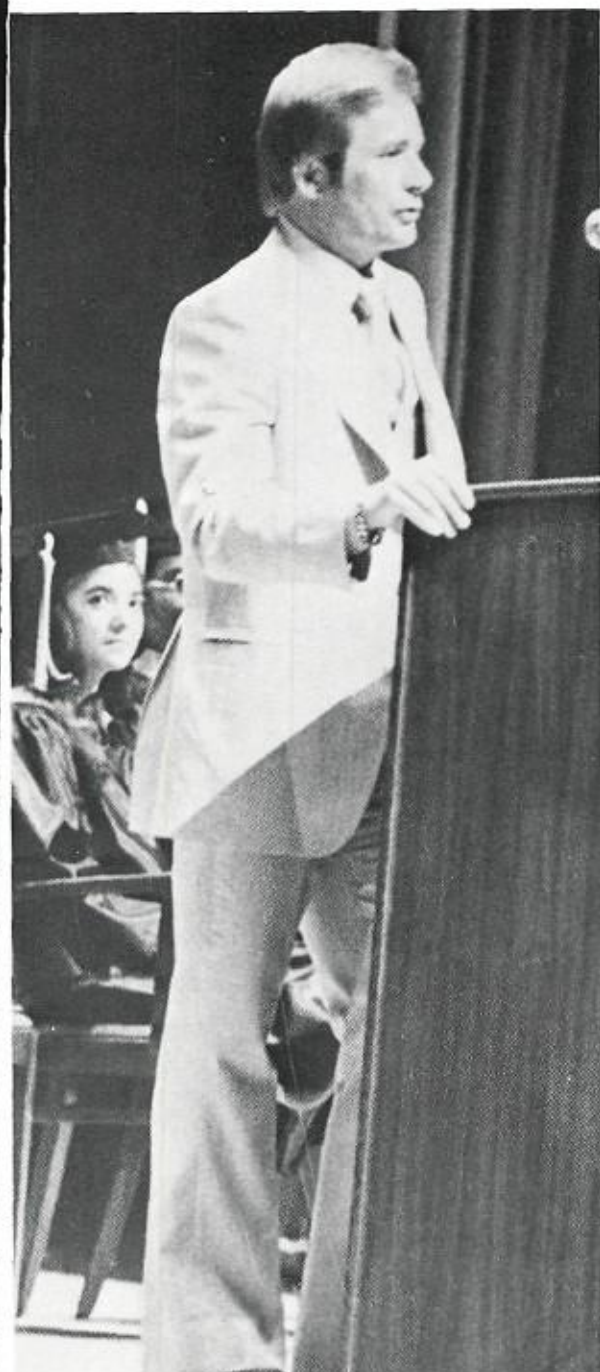


Tina Rash
Donnette Reagan
Mel Reagan
Carla Reid
Joe Reyes
Dana Rhoads
Sherrie Rhodes
Chris Rhynes



Kim Rich
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Norman Roblet
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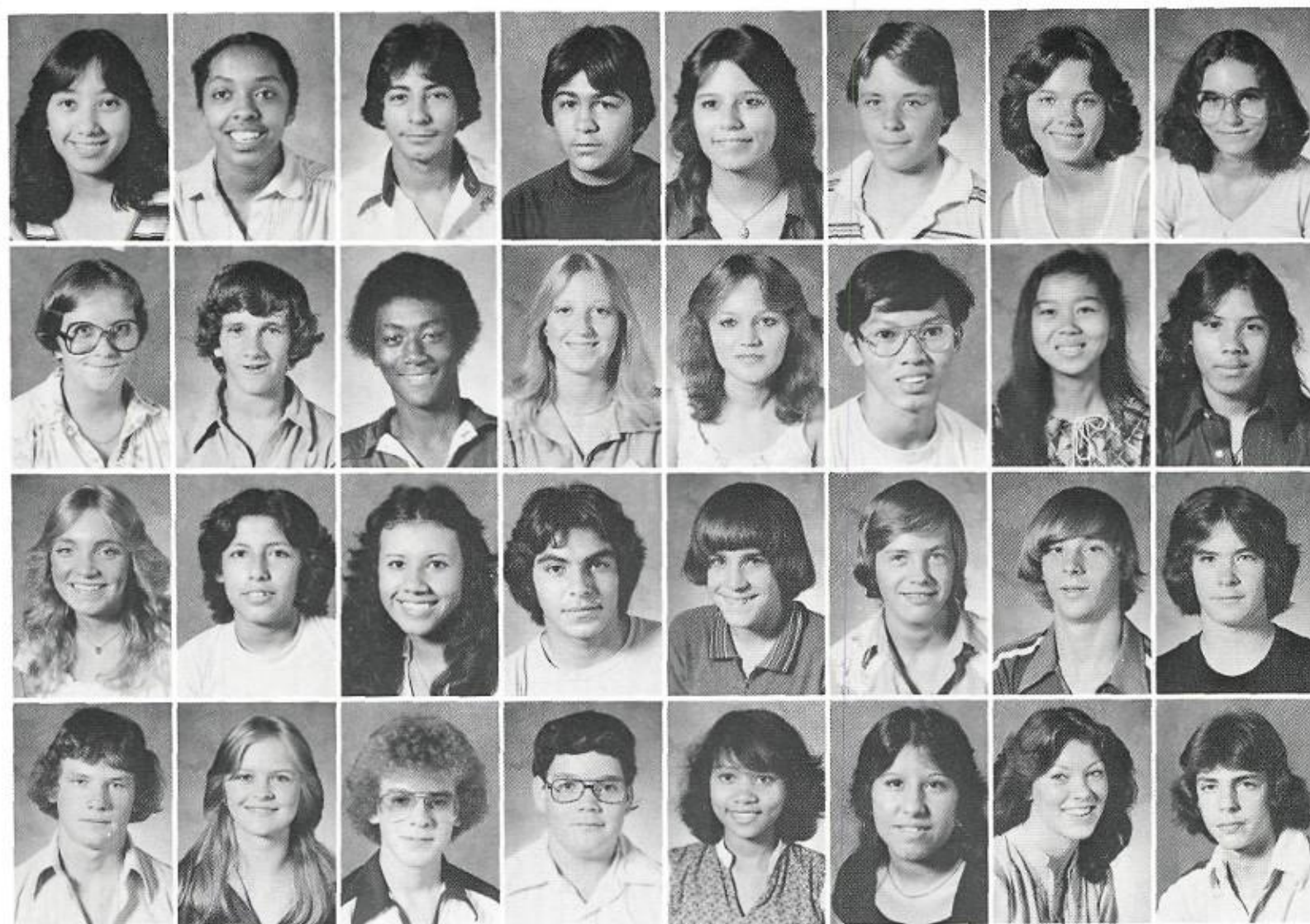
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Final stage finalized

May was the busiest month of the year for graduating seniors of Abilene High School. Even though the entire school year was busy, the majority of activities were performed during the final month. Mandatory programs such as baccalaureate services, final examinations, and graduation exercises led an extensive list of activities in which to participate.

Ordering materials dealing with graduation was another task which was time consuming to the seniors. A special committee consisting of administrators and seniors was given the chance to select and design a new pattern for the 1979 invitations. Numerous seniors ordered invitations to send to relatives and close friends for them to witness the special occasions. Other items which were a must for graduates, were the caps and gowns.

However, some activities were required of the graduating seniors. Such examples were the senior follies production, the seniors picnic and the senior trip to Six Flags. Most seniors commented on the fact: "Graduating is the most expensive time of a person's educational period." But with all of the trials and tribulations of being a senior, the moments shared during the last year in high school would live on in the memories of many.



Diana Rodriguez
Evette Rodriguez
Gary Rodriguez
Ruben Rodriguez
Ruby Rodriguez
Ted Roedel
Cindy Ross
Tina Rossetti

Andra Ruchush
Tracy Runnelys
Allen Russell
Diana Russell
Eyevonne Russon
Nopparat Saetong
Sompit Saetong
Danny Salinas

Katy Salisbury
Abraham Sanchez
Sandra Sanchez
Jesse Santibanez
Scott Sapp
Jerry Sartor
Tye Sasin
Andy Sawyer

Larry Scarbrough
Sharon Schmidt
Ron Schmittaw
Myron Schow
Gail Seangurar
Alice Seguin
Maxie Sellers
Tim Sellers

1. Decked out in her final glory, Teri Hawkins makes her way down the aisle.
2. Giving way to a little last minute hilarity, seniors Randy Davis and Steve Coach prepare to graduate.
3. Nervously contemplating his future, David Ross comes to the realization that high school is over.
4. Wreathed in smiles, Martha Pittman and J. D. Helm reminisce before graduation.
5. Paying attention for the last time, seniors wait out their graduation exercise.



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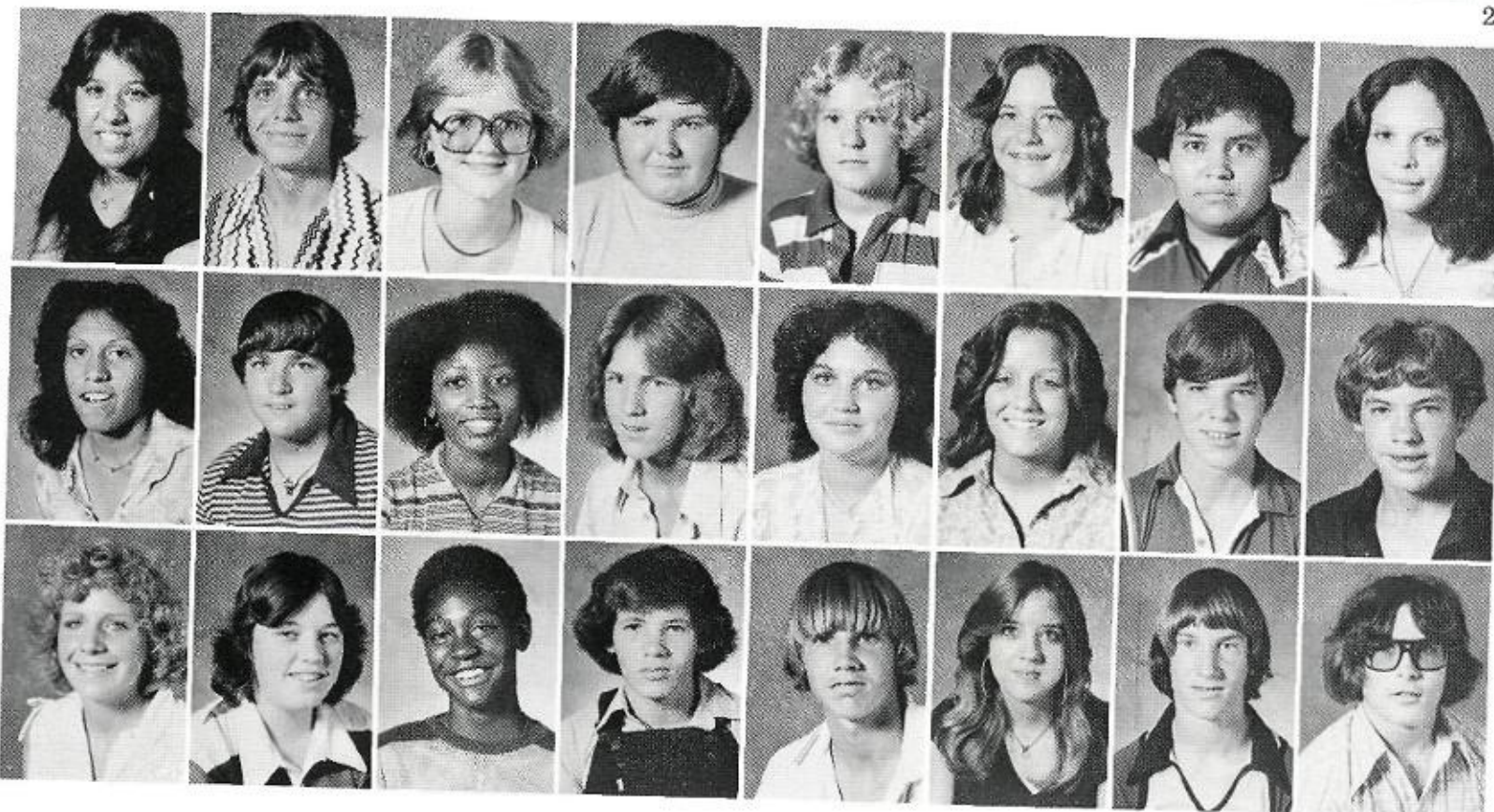


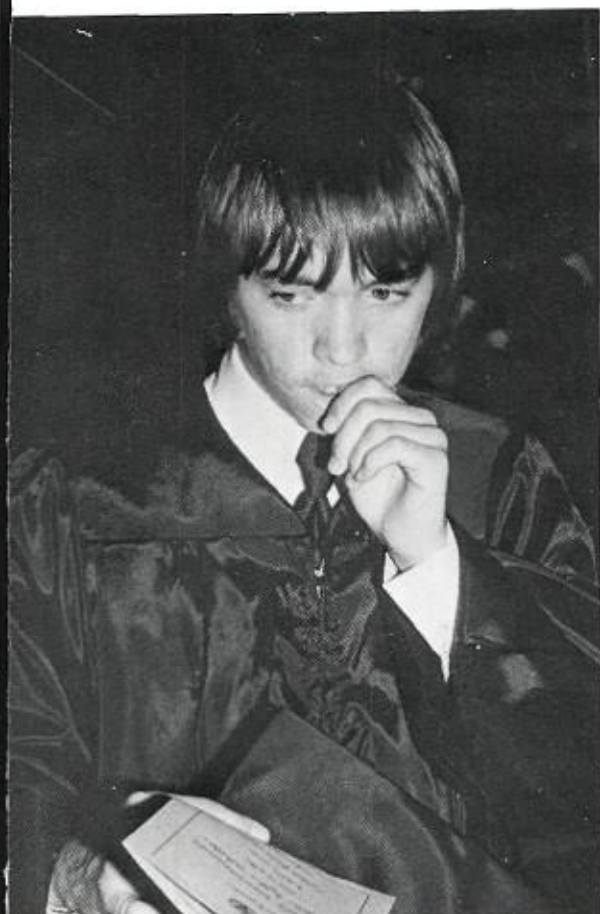
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Penny Shuwmaker
Chris Sigala
Diana Silguero

Kay Silva
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Debra Simmons
John Simmons
Liz Simon
Cindy Skinner
Donnie Slatton
Alan Smith

Barbara Smith
Brenda Smith
Ed Smith
Kenneth Smith
Kenny Smith
Linda Smith
Mark Smith
Mark Smith





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Pomp and Circumstance signify final act

Tension charged the air as the 486 seniors of AHS class of 1979 prepared for graduation. Twelve years of labor were about to come to an end in an hour long ceremony.

Lining up for the last time, seniors fidgeted while waiting for their names to be called. With last minute adjustments to cap and gown, the students walked out, shook the hand of Vice Principals Charles Perkins and Chester McAlpin.

As the minutes passed, seniors realized the finality of their high school years. As the ceremony ended and individuals gathered in smaller groups, some realized for the first time, that they would probably never see some of the surrounding faces

again.

Amid mixed feelings graduates headed home or to all night parties. The joy of being through with twelve years of schooling mingled with apprehension of the future and sadness of leaving behind a major part of their lives. At parties seniors reminisced and promised to keep in touch, an extremely hard task to complete.

For some there was almost no respite as they started college during the first summer session; for others, however, a full time job was immediately begun.

With a little fanfare, pomp and circumstance, and almost no bang, the class of 1979 abandoned the corridors and rooms of AHS never to return again.



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Melanie Smith
Nancy Smith
Ned Smith
Lori Spencer
Theresa Spencer
Angela Stahl
Karen Stephens
Jerry Sterns

Carl Stevens
Daniel Stevens
George Stewart
James Stewart
Michael Stewart
Michelle Stewart
Missy Stice
Kumttui Stieb

Tracy Stover
Robert Summers
Jerri Sutton
Lanell Sutton
Teresa Sutton
Damon Sybert
Elva Tamez
Kazuhiro Tamura

Student body selects favorite classmates

Chosen by their peers, the AHS favorites felt a sense of loyalty and by the same right, a sense of pride.

Having represented the junior class as favorites in 1978, it seemed only fitting that Phil Boone and Marelyn Bridges capture the title of Mr. and Miss AHS. Representation of Abilene High came easily to Phil as he was actively involved in football, basketball, Student Council, senior class president, tournament speech, debate and the National Honor Society. Phil was also named as an Outstanding Eagle at-large. Likewise, Marelyn Bridges was involved in Bold Gold and was a cheerleader. She received the DAR Good Citizenship award and participated in track. Marelyn was named to *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and was an Outstanding Eagle at-large.

Recognized by the 1979 senior class Chuck Dubose and Becky Lackey shared the honor of senior class favorites. Involvement in football and FFA proved to be the majority of Chuck's involvement as he was president of the FFA his senior year. Chuck was also involved in track and Key Club. The ground floor for Becky's being named as a senior favorite was her involvement in volleyball, Bold Gold, student council, FFA Sweetheart and cheerleader.

Attaining the distinction of junior class favorites were Marcus Breechen and Michelle Mahaney. Marcus was directly involved in student leadership as he was Student Council vice president. Marcus performed in both marching and stage band and was a member of Excalibur. Michelle was also active in student activities through Bold Gold, National Honor Society, Young Life, Siwamasis. Michelle was recognized her sophomore year as a sophomore favorite.

With a brief encounter at Abilene High, Loyal Proffitt and Stacy Breechen were selected as sophomore class favorites. Loyal was recognized for his performance on the varsity football team; yet he also performed in basketball, track and Student Council. Stacy became initially involved at Abilene High in Bold Gold and Siwamasis.





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1. A quiet moment during school is seldom found, yet Marelyn Bridges accomplishes the task.
2. Sharing the honors of senior favorites, Becky Lackey and Chuck Dubose experience a feeling of accomplishment.
3. Capturing the crown of Mr. and Miss AHS are Marelyn Bridges and Phil Boone.
4. Braving the wilds of the wind, Phil Boone travels from one building to another.
5. Chosen as junior class favorites are Marcus Breechen and Michelle Mahaney.
6. Representatives of the sophomore class are Stacy Breechn and Loyal Proffit.

Fundamental knowledge attracts students

Back to the basics of school was the motto of teachers and students in the year 1979. The basics included social studies, math, English, physical education and foreign languages.

In the field of social studies, Kathleen Thompson and Cindy Cole captured the Outstanding Eagle nominations and titles. Kathleen was actively involved in honors history classes; likewise, Cindy Cole also made strides forward with the help of honors history.

Mathematics, often the downfall of many, proved to be a mere stepping stone for Kenneth Hogg and Nelson Coates. Kenneth participated actively in the Math Club his junior year and was President his senior year. He also was involved in data processing. Nelson participated in the math and science club all three years at Abilene High doing extremely well in contests.

Involved in three different languages, at one time for two years, Stuart Johnson grasped both languages and honors as he scheduled German, Latin and French his junior and senior years. Understanding of the Spanish language came through three

years of study for Darla Bridges, Outstanding Eagle in foreign languages.

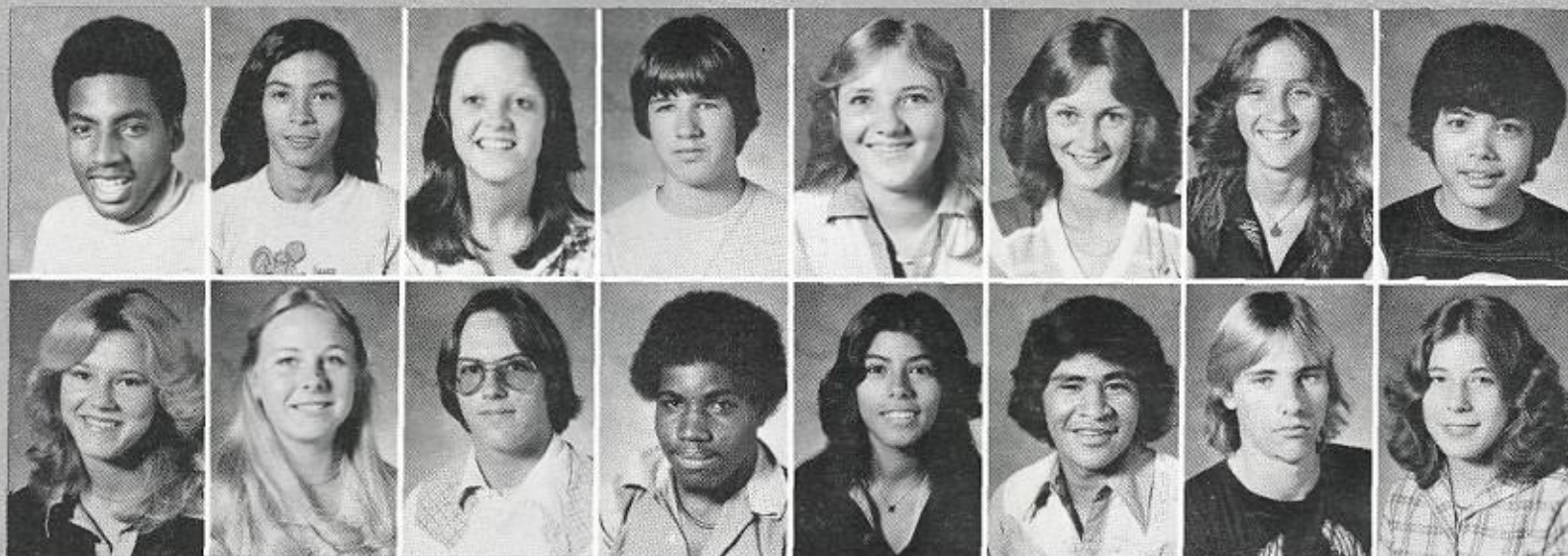
Mastering the art of English came rapidly to Lucy Magness and Ann Ferguson as the two were chosen to represent the English department as Outstanding Eagles. Lucy a member of the NHS, participated in honors English programs. As did Ann Ferguson, National Merit Scholarship finalist. Participation in Bold Gold for her sophomore year and junior year and being a squad leader her senior year gave Donna Cook the title of Outstanding Eagle in physical education. Sharing the honor with Donna was Mike House, a senior with an incredible record of football behind him.

Spending a part of his summer at the Texas Nuclear Science Symposium his junior year earned Glenn Owens a position in the science department. Involved in science all three years at Abilene High, Glenn started his sophomore year in honors biology, took Chemistry I his junior year and took both physics and advanced science his senior year. Partaking in the exact same classes as Glenn earned Karen Pekowski the same honor as being named as Outstanding Eagle.



Kenneth Tate
Jo Tavera
Burton Tautenhahn
David Taylor
Debra Taylor
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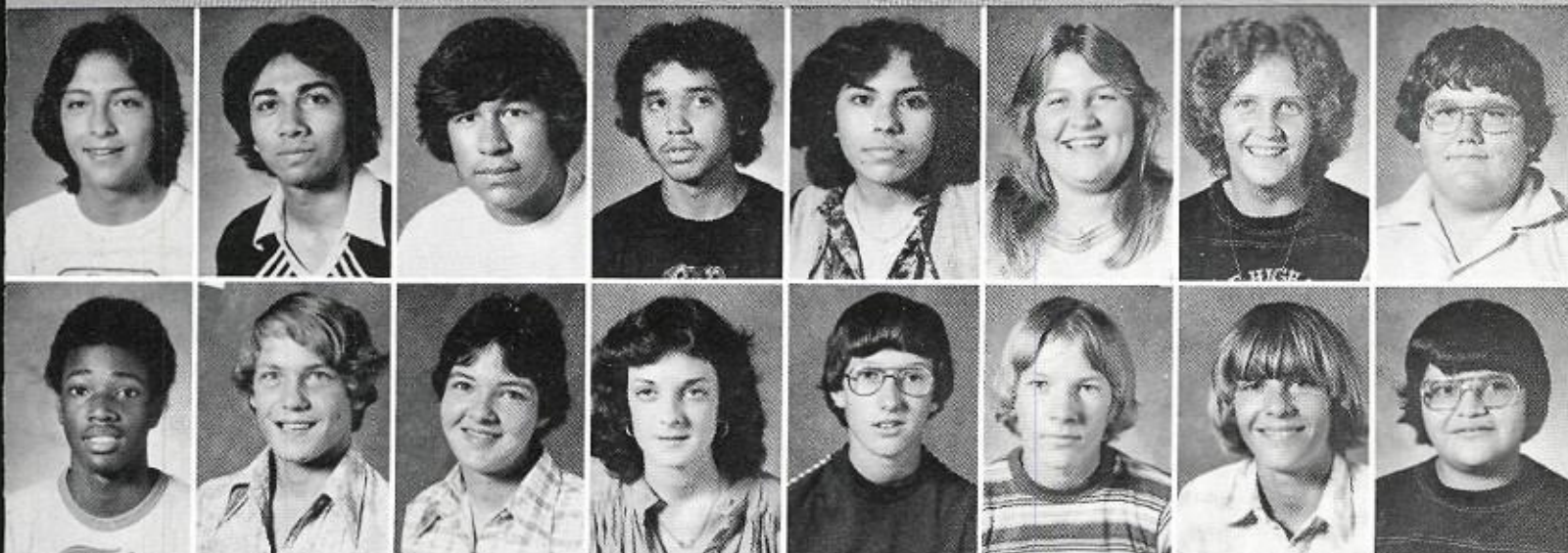


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1. Attempting to produce a reaction and pass the course, Glenn Owens ponders over the next step.
2. Before returning to gymnastics practice, Nelson Coates pauses for a moment.
3. Pointing out the position of AHS, Cindy Cole partakes in government class.
4. Excelling scholastically, Ann Ferguson has fond memories of Abilene High.
5. Glancing at the Outstanding Eagle section, Darla Bridges enjoys the antics.
6. Chosen for her outstanding academic record is honoree Kathleen Thompson.
7. Agitating the test tube, Karen Pekowski works in advance science class.
8. An outstanding record follows Lucy Magness as she excels in English.
9. Preparing for his afternoon classes, Kenneth Hogg chooses books for calculus.
10. Posting a memo to squad members is Donna Cook.
11. Participating in German, Stuart Johnson uses the map to make a point.



Ronnie Valancia
David Velasquez
Daniel Villareal
Josie Villarreal
Yoland Villarreal
Tonya Van Meter
Vivian Ussery
Robert Uredenburg

Melvin Walker
Randy Walter
Sherry Watson
Shellie Way
Brian Westfall
Clay White
Stanley White
Jay Wittle

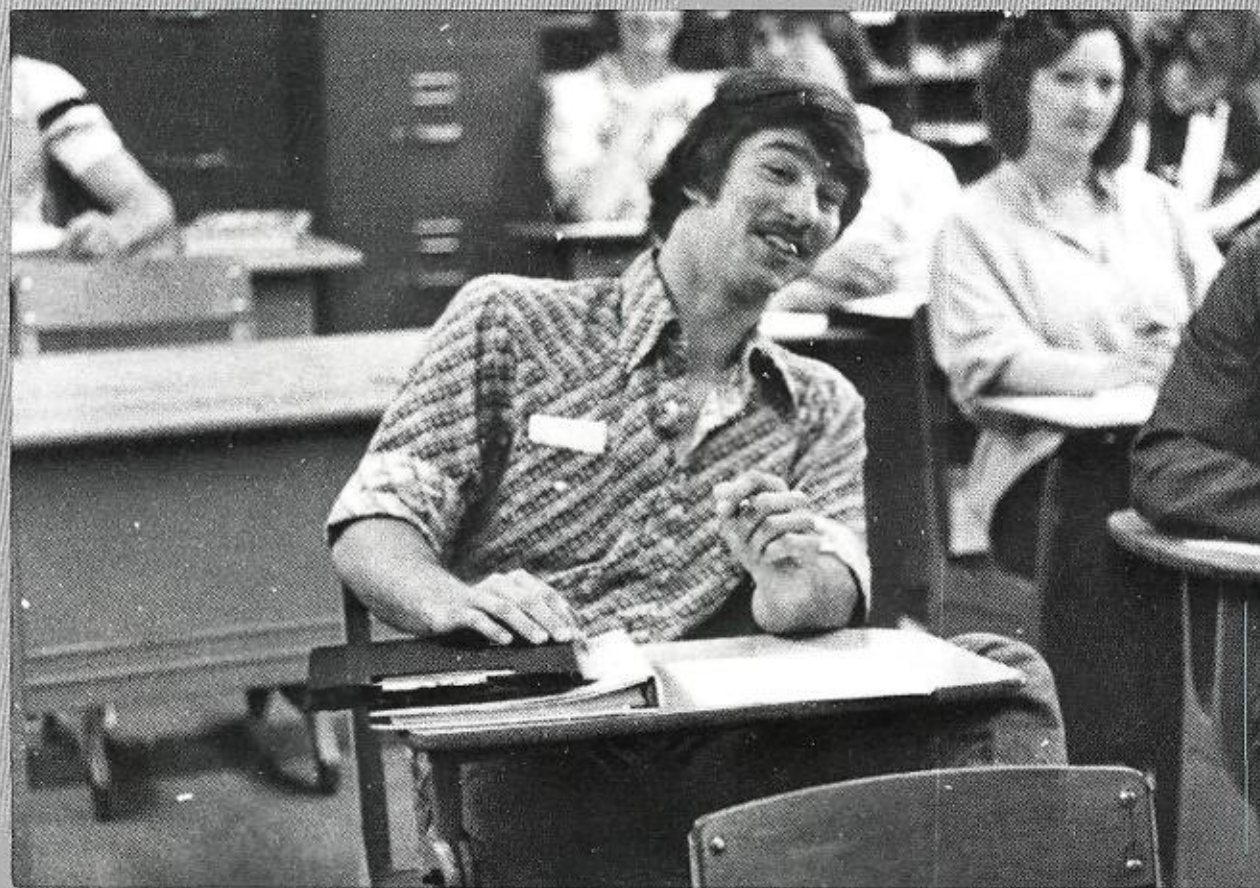
1. Pausing from VOE class, honoree Debra Lewis prepares to get back into the role of receptionist.
2. Drafting class offers Joe Roacha a challenge as he undertakes the designing of a house.
3. In between classes, Paul Ellis checks on his work schedule.
4. A trip to the water fountain is lengthened by Matt Tarpley who pauses before returning to chemistry.
5. Lockers make convenient lean-tos as Elda Casas discovers.
6. Capturing honors in cosmetology is senior Teresa Adkins.
7. In Ms. Nelda Macon's class, Dee McLaughlin makes an interesting observation about the notes on the board.
8. Secretarial work is one of the facets of Tracie Johnson job at S & Q Clothiers.
9. Time and dedication go into the process of being an outstanding student in HECE as illustrated by Debra Castillo.



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Steve Woodard
Gary Wright
Millie Wright
Amber Yacano
Marty Yarbrow
Brenda Yaeger
Juliett Youngblood
Russell Zackary





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Vocational course aspects attract honor

Experience in rounds of applause were achieved through seven fields grouped under the heading of fine arts.

Involved in band her sophomore, junior and senior years, enabled Linda Abels to be named as Outstanding Eagle.

Capturing honors as a saxophonist, and twirler, Cindy Guy participated in both band and as twirler her sophomore, junior and senior years with approximately seven years of lessons as ground work.

Violinist in the AHS Orchestra, Linda White attained distinction for her three years of involvement in the fine arts program.

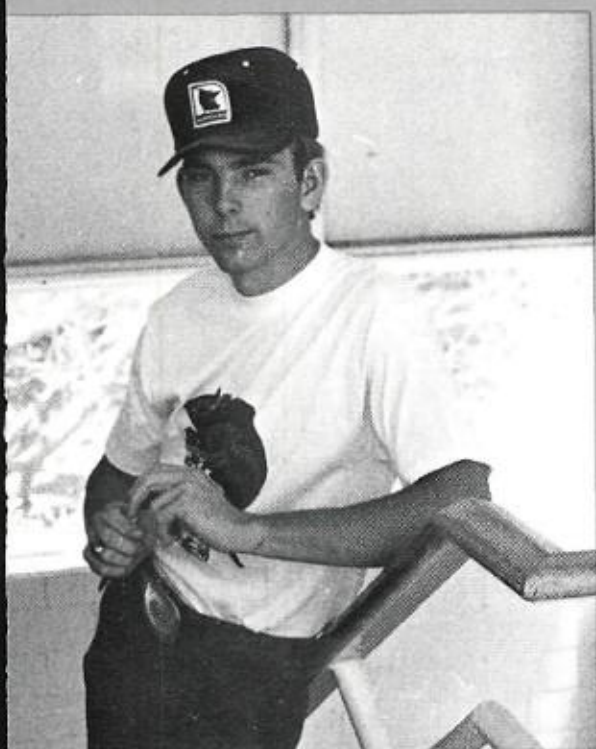
Mastering the art of speech, Betty Dudley was named for her involvement in her sophomore, junior and senior years in tournament speech and UIL drama.

Named to all-state choir his junior and senior years, Clay Hale was selected as an Outstanding Eagle. An active participant in Concert Choir his junior and senior year along with band offered Clay the probability of advancement.

Outstanding sophomore in the Sophomore Select Choir, Concert Choir his junior and senior years, Harmony his junior years, all-district and all-region his sophomore, junior and senior years were a few of the awards allowing Felix Garcia recognition.

Named as best actress her junior year, Terri Hawkins continued in dramatic presentation all three years at Abilene High to be an active participant in drama and the UIL play presented annually by the drama department.

Actively involved in speech and debate earned Rusty Thomas a position as an Outstanding Eagle. A future of speech was planned for Rusty at Texas Tech University.



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Mr. Lee Abernathy
Mrs. Natalie Adkins
Mrs. Nyoka Anderson
Mrs. Laverne Austin
Mrs. Barbara Beasley
Mrs. Mary Burnutt
Mrs. Judy Bird
Mr. Roland Blacklord

Art honors captured through AHS students

Earned distinction in one of twenty categories of vocational classes were obtained by nine senior students.

Named as best student in Industrial Cooperative Training his junior year, Paul Ellis captured the honor. Involved in the VICA club his junior year and president his senior year, he placed high in state competition as third overall in state his junior year. Paul entered state competition his senior year with a district record of first in skills speed and a first in project with an eye for first in state.

Outstanding Eagle in Vocation Office Education, Debra Lewis spent a mere lone year involved directly in vocational classes but acquired the necessary skills her sophomore and junior years in the scheduled typing and shorthand classes.

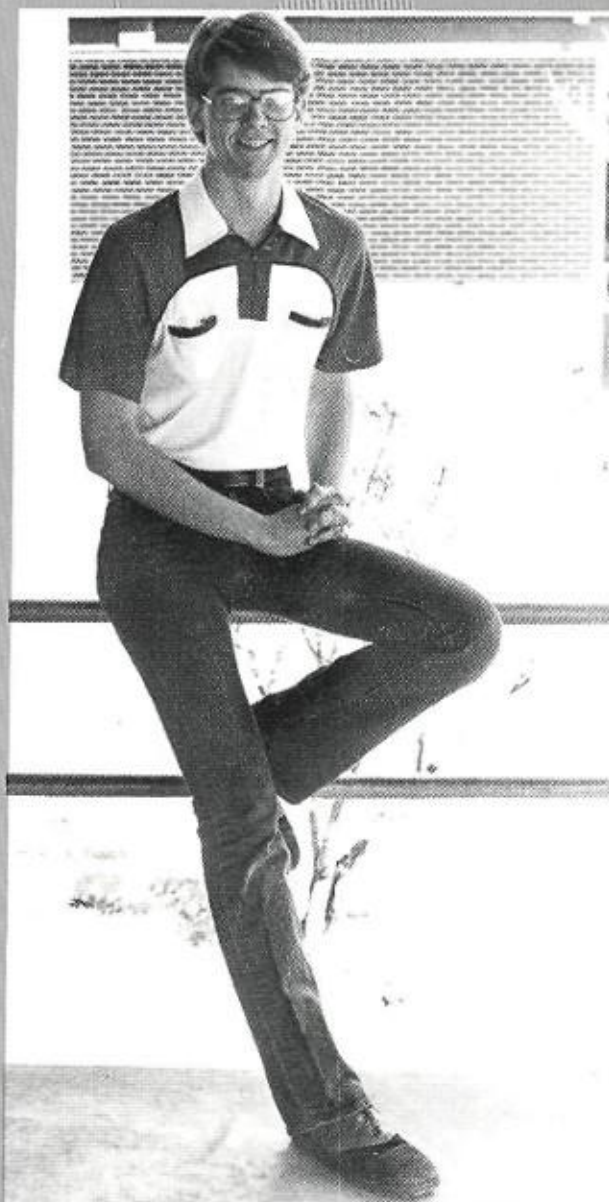
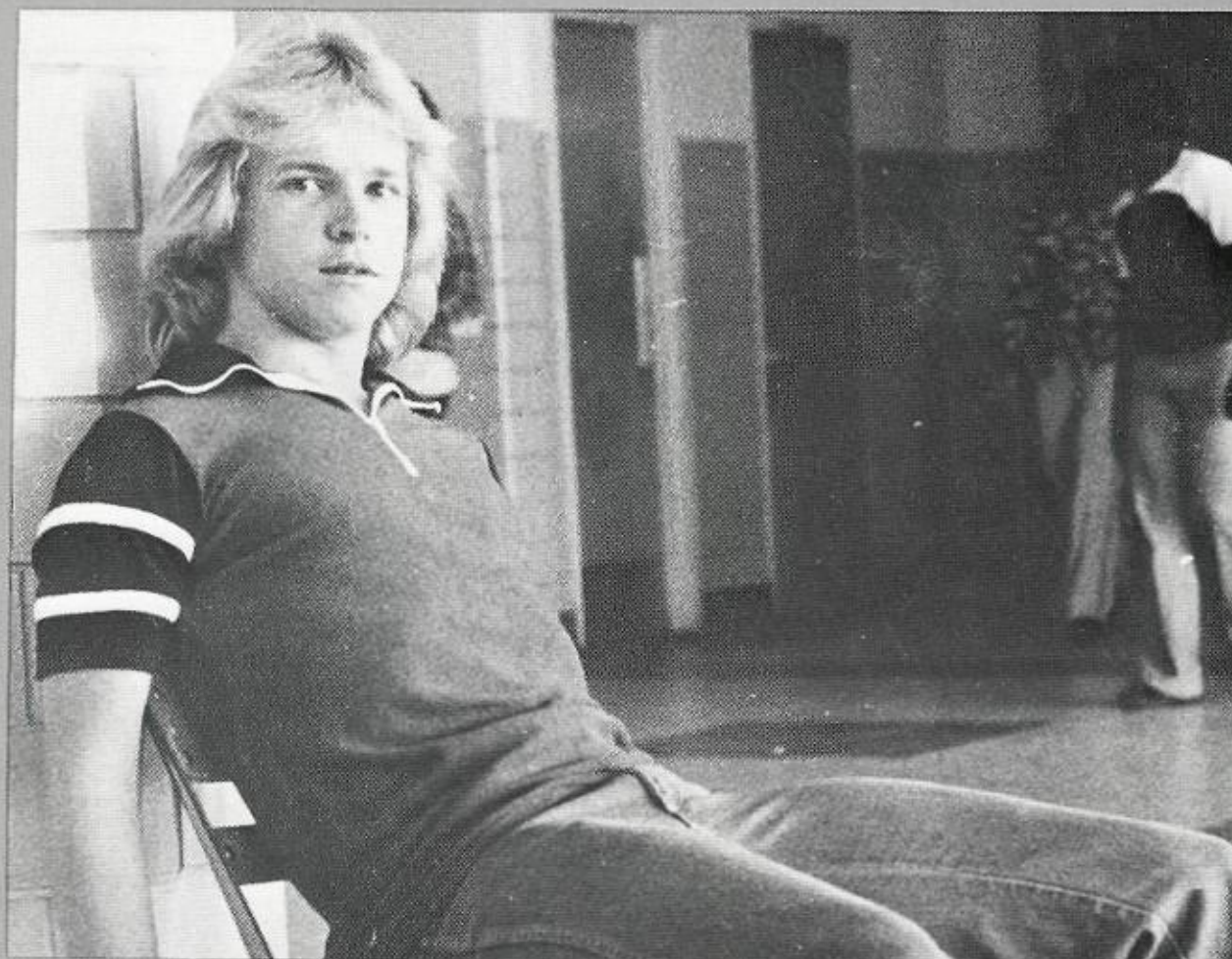
In agricultural aspects of AHS, Dee McLaughlin captured honors as he involved himself in vocational-ag his sophomore, junior and senior years with a sixth position in state agricultural competition. Sharing honors with Dee, Matt Tarpley was recognized for his contributions to the vocational-ag program.

An active participant in Health Occupation Education her junior and senior year, chosen to be voting delegate her senior year, Elda Cases was selected as an outstanding Eagle for her many talents.

Gaining experience through job application was one of the various work related objectives learned by Debra Castillo through Home Economics Cooperative Education her junior and senior years.

Having captured first in local competition and third in district, Teresa Adkins received the Outstanding Eagle award in Cosmetology.

Vice president of the Deca club and an outstanding student in Distributive Education earned Tracie Johnson a position as an outstanding Eagle.



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Mrs. Lenora Bryant
Mrs. Patricia Burton
Ms. Judy Byrd
Mrs. Janelle Caldwell
Mrs. Martha Carroll
Mrs. Mary Castleberry
Mrs. Suzanne Chaldat
Mrs. Marilyn Cluck





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1. Waiting to talk with Mr. Gayle Lomax, Rusty Thomas relaxes during first period.
2. Outstanding achievement in band gives Cindy Guy honors and awards.
3. Superior records of involvement follows Betty Dudley through Abilene High.
4. After orchestra, Linda White walks to the front of the building to resume academic life.
5. Stretching between classes, Clay Hale relaxes outside, while awaiting the start of physics.
6. Time between classes allows Felix Garcia the opportunity to quench his thirst.
7. The return of summer is greeted by Linda Ables as it offers a quiet place.
8. Relaxing after the UIL play, Terri Hawkins collapses in a heap of costumes and props.



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Mrs. Margaret Colia
Mrs. Peggie Crouch
Mrs. Beta Cullen
Miss Percy Darwin
Mrs. Sue Day
Mrs. Jo Dooley
Mr. Philip Dortch
Mrs. Pat Dudley

1. Before returning to her hectic schedule, Jere Madison reflects on her three years at Abilene High.
2. Between classes, Melinda Fox ponders over life after high school.
3. Rushing to Keaton Kolor during fourth period, Martha Pittman goes out in search of Dextol.
4. Waiting for his turn at the podium during a speech tournament, Phil Boone pauses to read a magazine.
5. A serene moment with the hint of summer is captured by Marelyn Bridges.
6. During a speech tournament at Hardin-Simmons University, Matt Craig finds a break for relaxation.
7. Convenient stairs simplify talking with friends as discovered by Derrick Caballero.
8. Relaxation during lunch is accomplished by Chuck Mitchell as he longs for graduation and summer.



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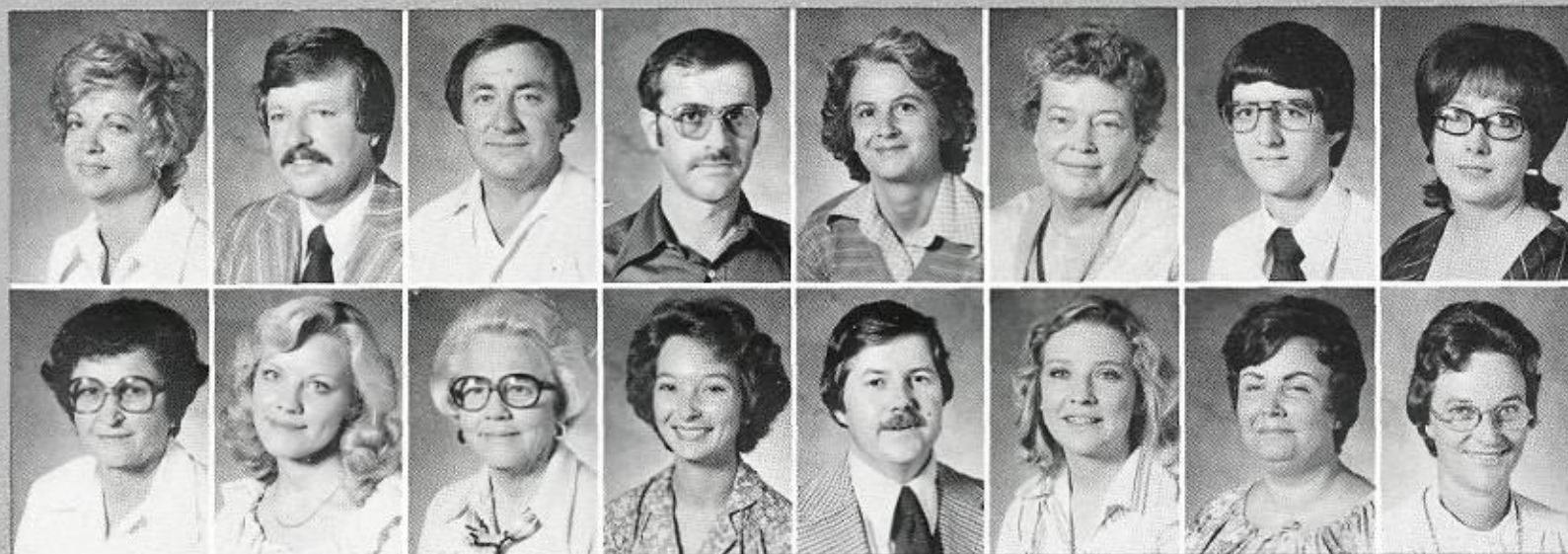


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Mrs. Audrey Edwards
Mr. Russell Ellison
Mr. Ronald Esman
Mr. Ned Follis
Mrs. Jerry Giddings
Mrs. Billie Gray
Mr. John Gray
Mrs. Geneva Grayson

Mrs. Margaret Guernsey
Miss Sherri Hansen
Mrs. Ouida Harkey
Mrs. Linda Hoefler
Mr. Danny Hood
Mrs. Rhonda Hunter
Mrs. Kathleen Joy
Mrs. Sharon Kachurak



Involvement – key to success for students

Chosen for outstanding accomplishments in numerous areas, twelve Abilene High students were honored as Outstanding Eagles at-large.

Named to the edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students* her senior year, Marelyn Bridges gained national recognition through her involvement in Bold Gold her sophomore and junior years and as AHS cheerleader her senior year. She was also selected by her peers as the junior favorite and Miss AHS. Marelyn was the recipient of the Daughter of the American Revolution recognition award.

Class president his sophomore and junior years, Chuck Mitchell devoted time and effort into making the three years at Abilene High those of achievement. Involvement in journalism his sophomore, junior and senior years, he served as co-editor of the *Battery* his junior year and editor his senior year. Chuck was selected by his peers as sophomore favorite and also participated for three years in Student Council and choir for two.

Actively involved in FFA, Rodeo Club and Key Club, Jere Madison added to a normally male surrounding. She participated

in Marching Band and Concert Band for three years, was a member of the *Battery* staff for three years.

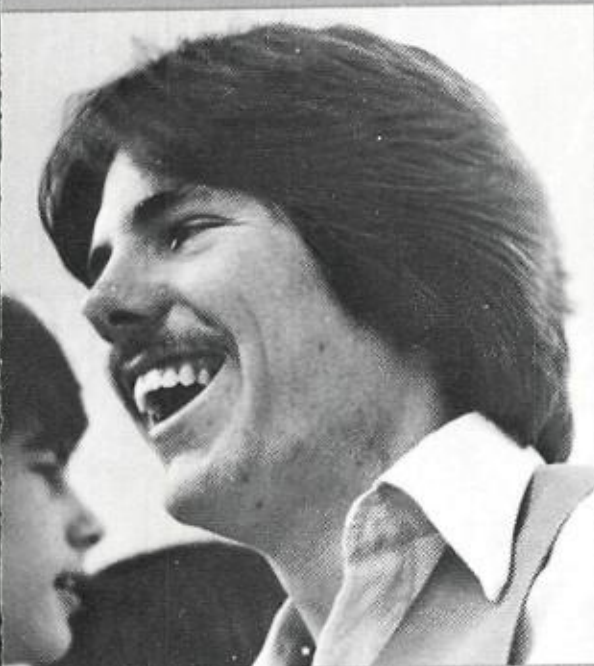
Journalistic writings proved to be a major part of her high school years as she served as *Flashlight* section editor her sophomore year, co-editor her junior year and *Flashlight* editor her senior year. Martha Pittman was chosen as an Outstanding Eagle at large for her achievements and involvement. She started in her sophomore year in Bold Gold, Latin Club, Operation Mainstream, *Flashlight* staff and Student Council. The latter two she continued through all three years. Martha was named to *Who's Who Among American High School Students* her junior and senior years, lettered her junior and senior years in journalism and was chosen as the recipient of the Soroptimist Youth Citizenship Award her senior year.

A planned future at Hardin-Simmons was the goal of Melinda Fox to follow her three eventful years at Abilene High. Scholastic awards rated high as she was a member of the NJHS her sophomore year and the NHS her junior and senior years.

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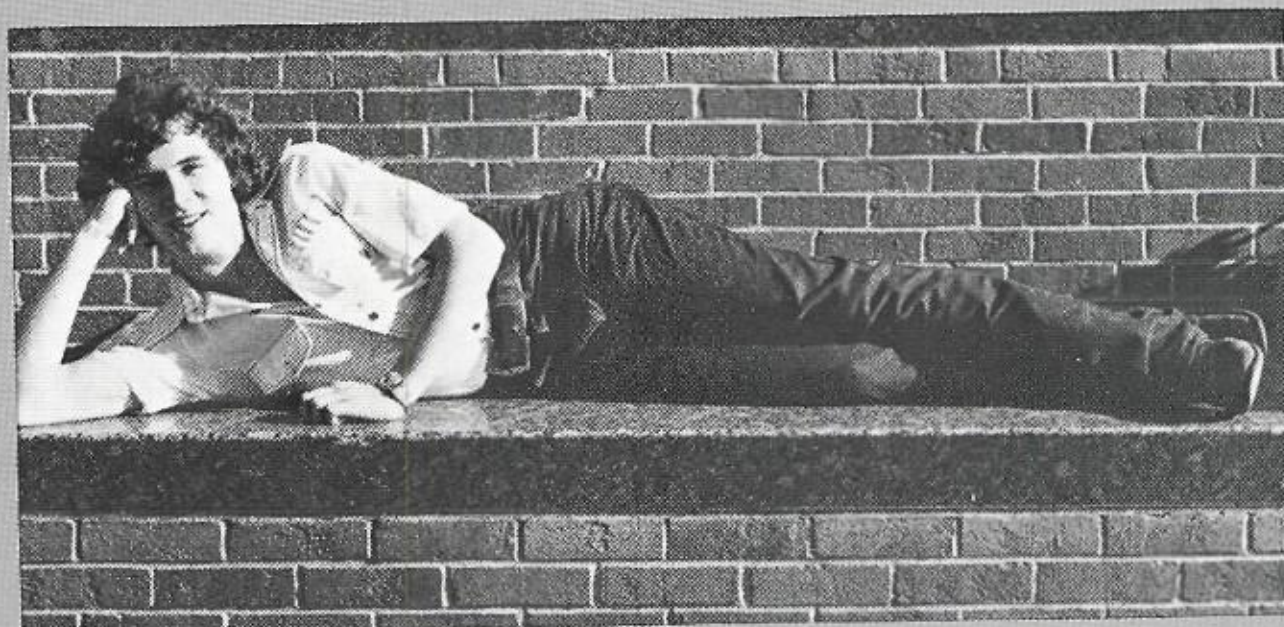
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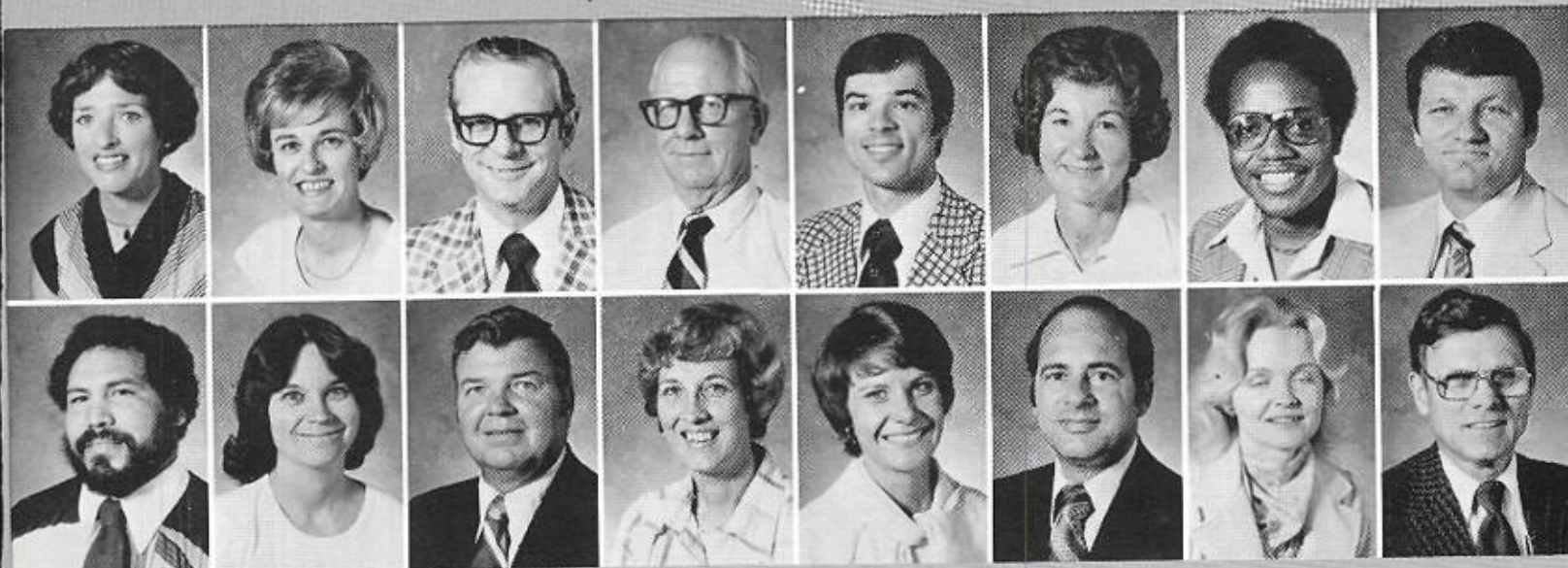
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Mrs. Frances King
Mrs. Glenda Kirkland
Mr. Robert Knapp
Mr. J. C. Lambdin
Mr. Philip Lana
Mrs. Lenoa Lloyd
Mr. Allan Lockett
Mr. Gayle Lomax

Mr. Joel Loya
Mrs. Dixie Mabry
Mr. Chester McAlpin
Mrs. Jean McClure
Mrs. Nell McCoil
Mr. Lynn Nichols
Mrs. Judy Odom
Mr. Norman Olsen

Involvement – key to success for students

She actively participated in French Club and in Concert Choir, serving as vice president her senior year. Melinda devoted three years to being a member of the Christian Club, serving as vice president her senior year.

Having served as Sing Song hostess her junior and senior year, Terri Hawkins broadened her areas of applause. Terri performed publicly in drama and UIL play productions for three years, being named as best actress in the district her junior year. She performed in Concert Choir and Harmony her junior year.

Named as junior favorite his junior year and Mr. AHS, Phil Boone earned awards by his peers through his involvement his three years at AHS. Involved in football and basketball, Phil branched out from sports to include the NHS his junior and senior years, tournament speech, Student Council and senior class president.

Named as a semi-finalist for the Air Force academy, Greg Solomn planned to broaden his three years in ROTC to a future. Aside from his participation in ROTC, Greg served as vice president of his class for three

years, Latin club vice president for two years, track for three years and football his sophomore year.

Recognized as the Most Improved player his senior year in football and all-district quarterback, Vince Ford gained more than just two awards for his three year performances. Broadening his athletic abilities, Vince began track his junior year and continued with it through his senior year.

Named to all-district basketball, Derrick Caballero earned recognition for his outstanding accomplishments at Abilene High for his involvement in basketball, NHS, Eagle Squad, Student Council and German Club.

Involvement in speech for his sophomore and senior years, orchestra for all three years, track for three years, Sing Song student director his senior year and Eagle Squad earned Matt Craig a position as an Outstanding Eagle.

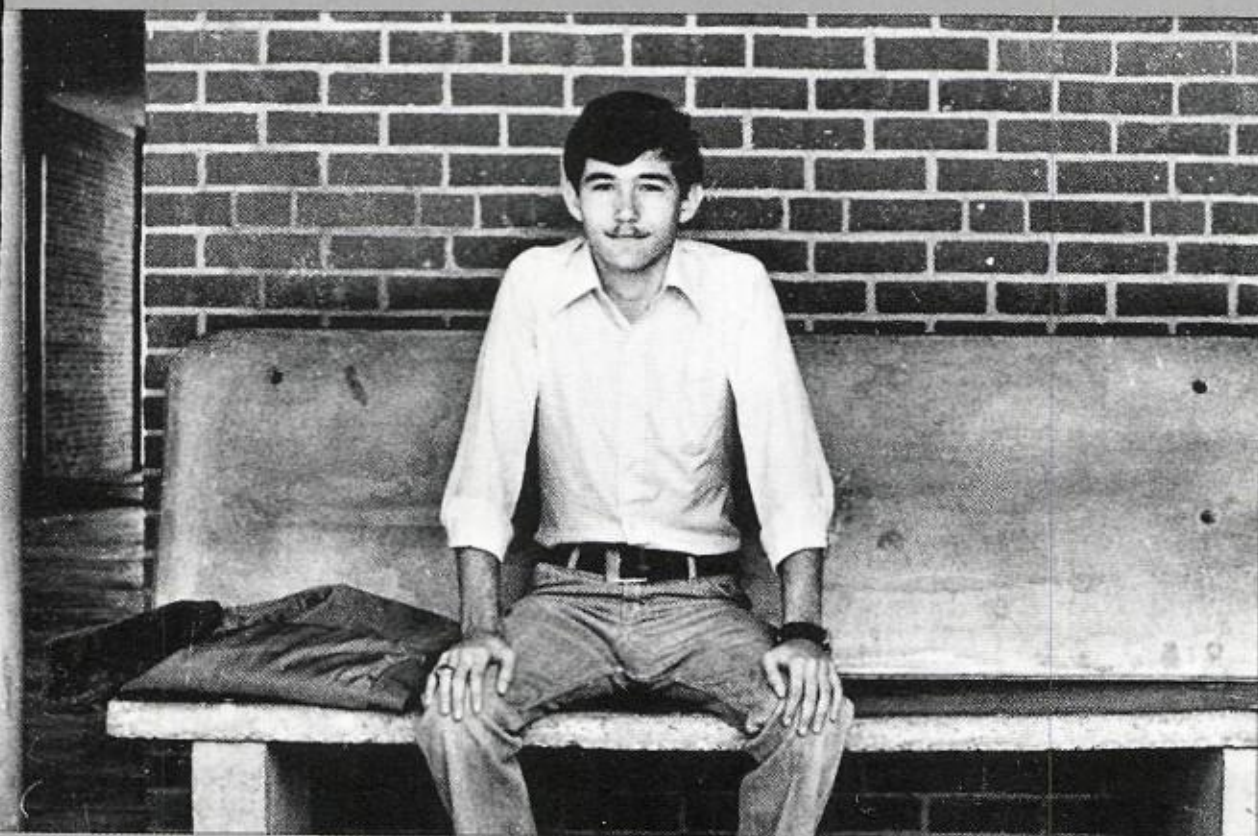
An outstanding student academically earned Jill Middleton the title of Outstanding Eagle as she increased her activities to choir, VOE, Bold Gold and Christian Club.



Mrs. Carolyn Potut
Mrs. Carolyn Presswood
Mrs. Dorothy Presswood
Mrs. Libby Putz
Mrs. Bette Rapson
Miss Pam Raughton
Mrs. Evelyn Raymond
Mr. Tom Riley

Mr. Steve Rinard
Mr. Sam Serdel
Miss Lois Self
Miss Dorothy Sherman
Mrs. Shirley Shrum
Mrs. Barbara Sidner
Mrs. Debrah Sikis
Mr. Travis Smith





Students earn honors

Vice president of the FHA her senior year, with two years as ground work proved beneficial as Tammy Flacksbarth was named Outstanding Eagle in homemaking.

Making a mark on the ROTC program at Abilene High turned to be the objective of Robert Rossetti as he actively participated in all forms of programs offered by the ROTC. He was in the drill team, ROTC honor society, color guard and served as Flight Sergeant his sophomore year, Flight Commander his junior year and Special Assistant his senior year.

Typing, data processing, shorthand, and office processing were the classes taken by Laura Bromly, Outstanding Eagle in the field of business.

1. Outstanding achievements in football earn Vince Ford the honors at-large.
2. After ROTC workouts, Robert Rossetti sits one out and checks on precision.
3. A time for relaxation is discovered by Greg Solomon as he catches time for a Coke during lunch.
4. A moment after a test ends in English is captured by Jill Middleton.
5. Trying to pick up a station at Abilene High is difficult as Laura Bromley searches for Q-100.
6. In the homemaking living room, Tammy Flacksbarth enjoys a cup of tea while visiting with friends.



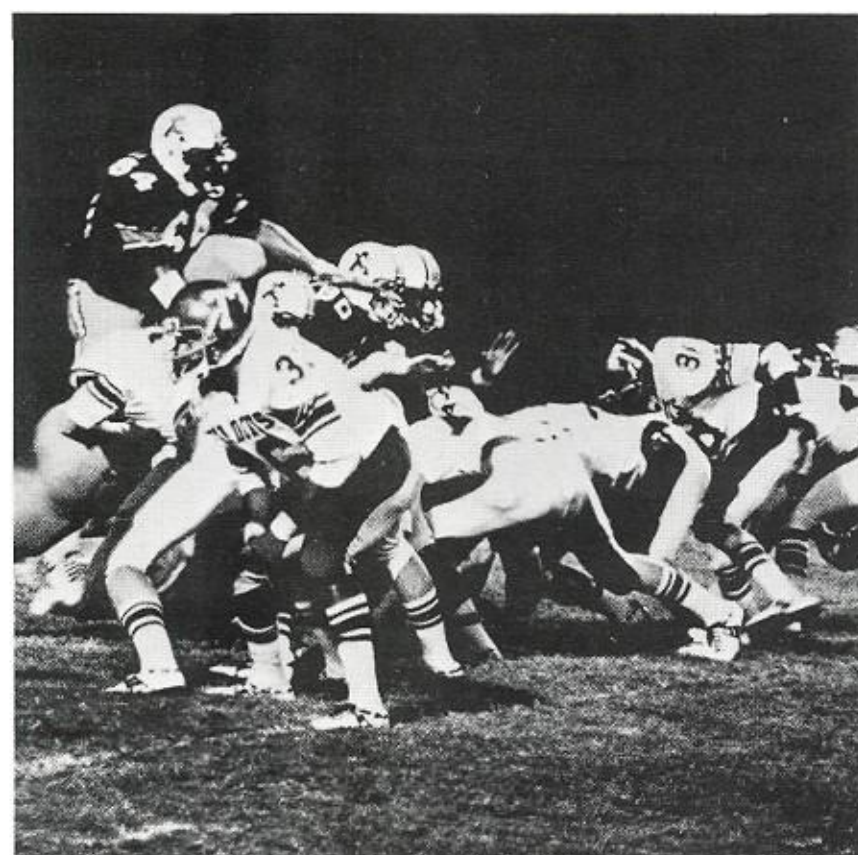
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Mr. Fred Stirman
Mrs. Karen Stover
Mrs. Linda Thomason
Dr. John Townsend
Mrs. Barbara Treat
Mr. Dee Waggoner
Mrs. Avis Waldrop

Mrs. Kayla Watkins
Mrs. Barbara Watson
Mrs. Vickie Weir
Mrs. June Whitt
Mrs. Loyce Yancy
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Mr. Bill Yarbrough
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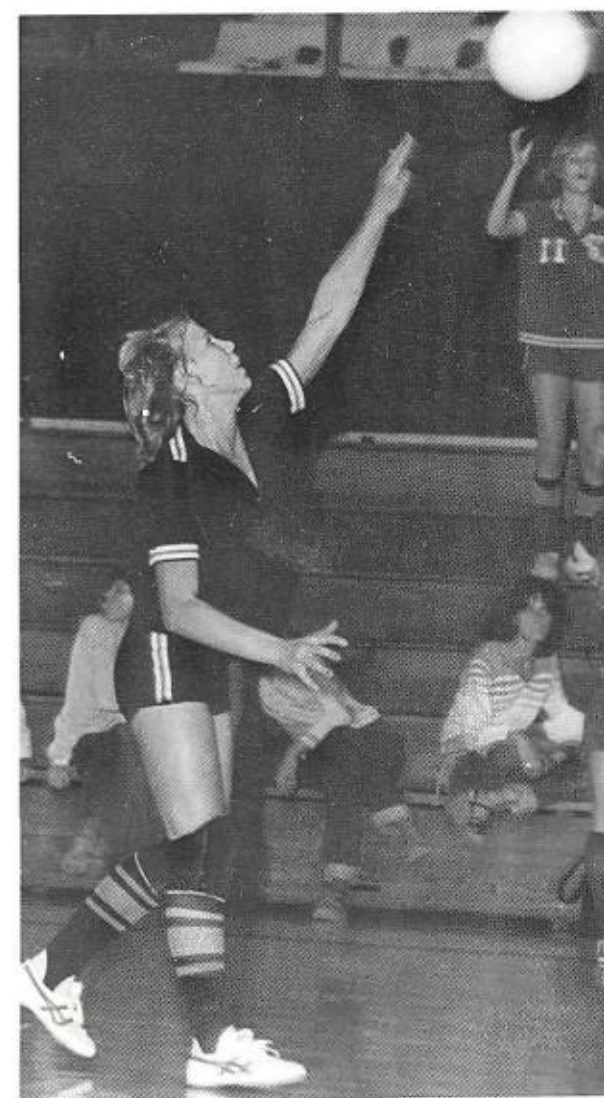
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Unification for goals, victory against odds

Competition (kom' pe.tish' .en) N.

1. A striving against another or others for some object, as a prize, or for superiority
2. A trial of skill or ability; a contest

The name of the game was sports, the object of that game was competition. The striving was against friends to become a varsity member, against teams to defeat their hopes of victory and against odds to attain some type of recognition. Sports represented the union of the school to support the athletes to a victorious destination.

As school began so did the concentration needed to attain the previous years' accomplishments and the urge to push farther up the ladder of success. The summer workouts, the practice before, during and after school soon came to dominate the life of the athlete as the program became dominant and the thought of victory came to be the total unification of the school and the community.

The athlete who was the symbol of Abilene High to so many in the community was also the one who dedicated time, sweat, energy, peace of mind and pain to the enjoyment and fulfillment of themselves and others. Victory was wished for those who survived the workouts and the suffering, for the true athletes of Abilene High.

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1. Demonstrating the technique necessary to block offensive players, Coach Hoeffler offers insight during spring training.
 2. Symbolic of the feeling felt for the cross-town rivals are displayed at the Cooper pep rally in an attempt to break the 13 year losing streak.
 3. Striving for a victory, Sherry Teeters uses skill and hours of practice at the necessary time to win her division.
 4. Effectively executing defensive plays, the Eagles forge ahead in district play to a victory over Temple.
 5. Exhausting every alternative of defensive moves, Stacia Blahak attempts to return the ball to Cooper Cougars to win the game and capture another district win.
 6. Rounding third base, Mike Blackwell uses all skill and knowledge in an attempt to score a run.

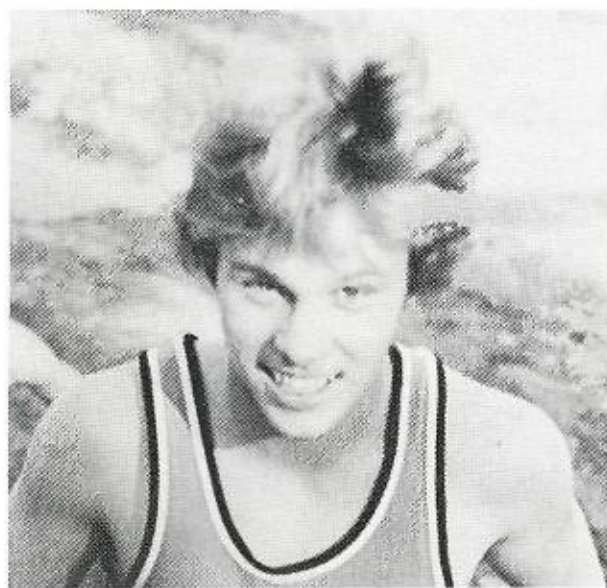
Eagle feet fly to fast cross country finish

Contributing to Abilene High in a run-about way, the men's and women's cross country teams conditioned and competed in several exciting meets. Beginning late in the summer, both teams started the long road toward district and regionals. Stretching and running about eight miles around Abilene constituted the minimum daily requirements from men's coach, Lindon Gaithright and women's coach, Janet Hindman. In order to strengthen legs, weight training was included in the average workout.

Second year coach Gaithright directed the young Eagle team through a respectable season finishing 6th in district. The women's team led by Coach Hindman came through with a 5th in district. Two regional qualifiers, Karen Pekowski and Greg Carter continued on to the regional meet in Lubbock and represented A.H.S. with outstanding performances.

Though not as much of a spectator sport as track, cross country helped to prepare both men and women for the upcoming track season by conditioning long distance runners. Competition was fierce, but the Eagles placed high in meets from Big Spring to San Angelo.

In summarizing the season, Coach Janet Hindman said, "our team was extremely inexperienced, but each member improved and gained a new interest in cross country which will help their track performances."





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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

MEET	STANDING
San Angelo	5th
Big Spring	4th
Odessa	4th
District	6th

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

MEET	STANDING
San Angelo	4th
Midland	9th
Lubbock	6th
Big Spring	4th
District	5th



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1. Women's cross country—FRONT ROW: Karen Pekowski, Amber Yacono. SECOND ROW: Debbie Borrego, Artis Griffin, Debra Harris, Kaye Land. BACK ROW: Cathy Carren, Gail Foreman, Toni Esparza.
2. Men's cross country—FRONT ROW: Alan Wentreck, Lon Jones, Tommy Withers, Greg Carter, Steven Stahl, Joe Rocha.
3. Rushing to complete a 3 mile run, Tommy Withers uses all his reserve energy to mount the last hill.

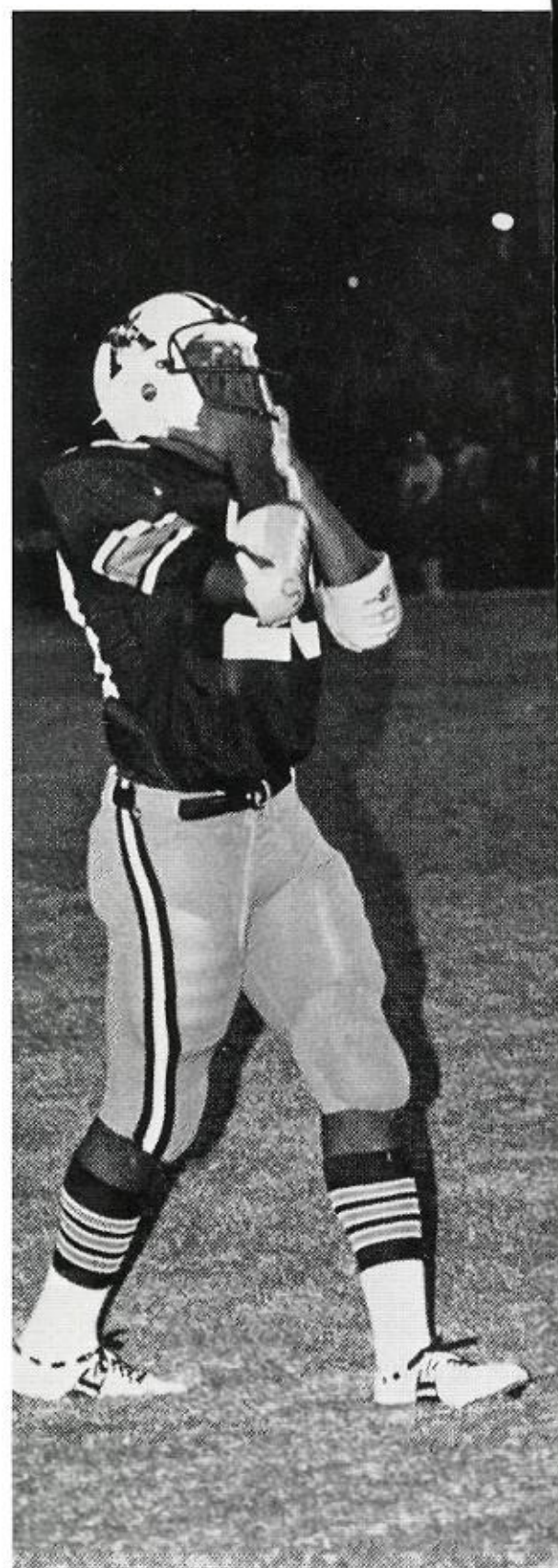
4. Discussing the speed of their top runners, cross country coached Lyndon Gathright and Janet Hindman use new stopwatches in order to time accurately.
5. Training diligently, Greg Carter runs through Cobb Park in an effort to condition for the regional meet in Lubbock.
6. As the only female regional qualifier, Karen Pekowski takes time before workouts to stretch her leg muscles.



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Greg Adkins
Ruben Aguirre
Channing Ashenfelter
Craig Bell
Stanley Booker



Phil Boone
John Brady
Les Bruce
Wendell Conner
Billy Curtis





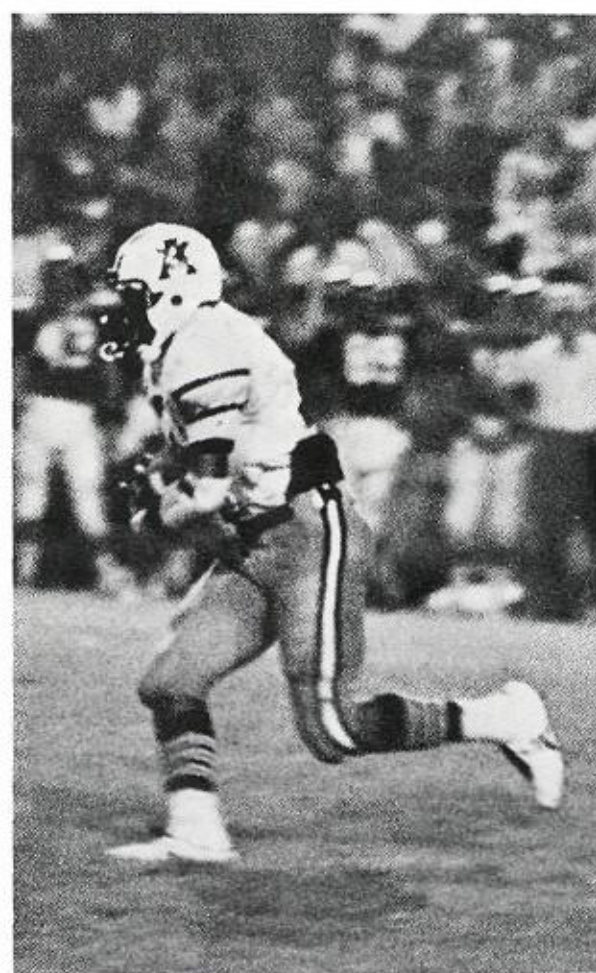
Pre-district victories excite Warbirds fans

In a surprising season opener, Abilene High School emerged victorious over the highly favored Wichita Falls Raiders with a shocking score of 20-6. The Eagles combined a solid ground game with an explosive passing attack led by quarterback Angel Munoz to stifle Raider's hopes of the first season win.

Riding the momentum created by their first victory, the Abilene Eagles headed south to face Stephen F. Austin. Again the underdogs, the Eagles proved pregame predictions wrong as they slaughtered the Maroons 27-7. AHS passed for 150 yards including all four of its touchdowns and

utilized Maroon mistakes to gain advancements.

Facing the number one ranked team in Texas, the Temple Wildcats, was an insurmountable task for the Eagles. Abilene High forced Temple into punting situations on their first three possessions but inevitably succumbed to the Wildcats relentless offensive assault. The Wildcats took a 21-0 lead by halftime and continued to run up the score with a 75-yard drive, and 87-yard punt return and another fourth quarter touchdown. The final buzzer sounded to a disappointed Eagle team, defeated 49-0 for their first loss of the season.



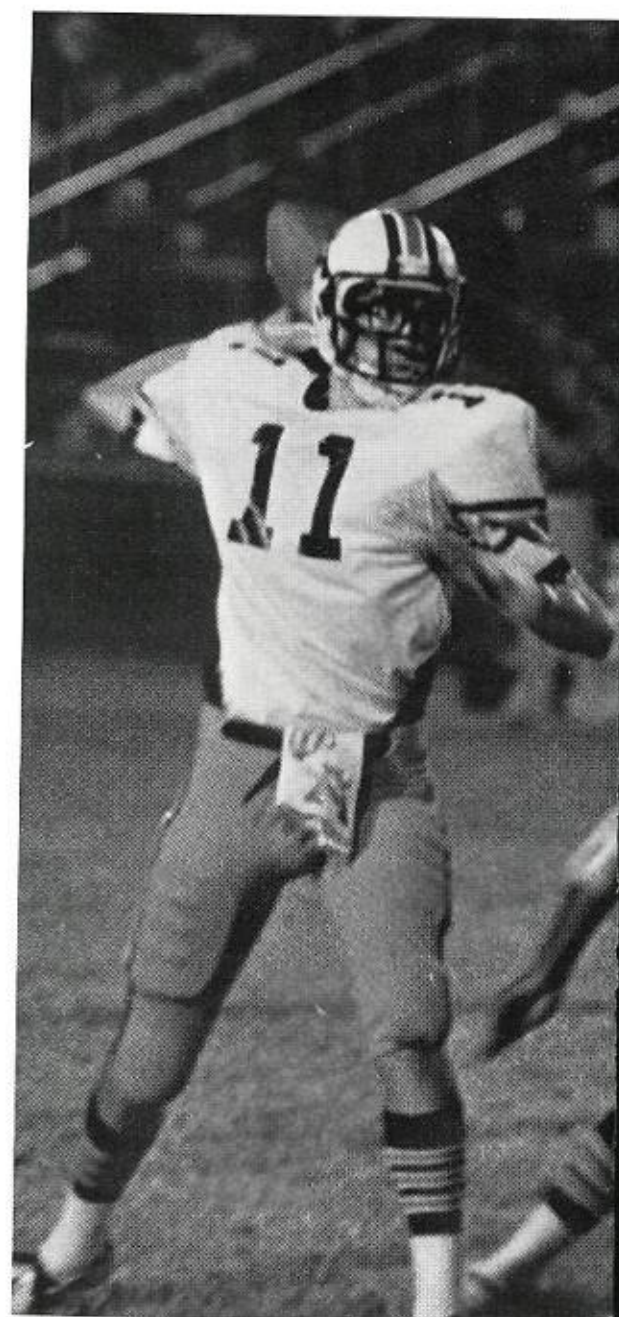
1. With football popularity increasing, artist Don Taylor captures the excitement of the sport.
2. Rushing in to make the tackle, Lupe Tonche and Steve Ford help to stop the Wildcats at the fifteen yard line.
3. Unable to hold the Wildcats, senior Mike Jones expresses his grief on his trek to the Eagle bench.
4. Grimacing in agony, Mike Jones, senior end, is assisted on the sidelines after injuring his hand.
5. Struggling to free himself from the grip of Stephen F. Austin player Locky Vandergriff, Dee McLaughlin, Eagle fullback, dives forward for extra yardage.
6. Displaying his highly acclaimed rushing ability, Reggie Fields races across the line of scrimmage in an effort to get a first down.

1. In an anticipation of another victory, the AHS football team crashes through the spirit banner to battle the opponents.
 2. Looking for a clear shot, quarterback Loyal Profit surveys the field before making a final decision.
 3. Tired and exhausted, Brad Faulkner looks on as the Eagles struggle to make a come-

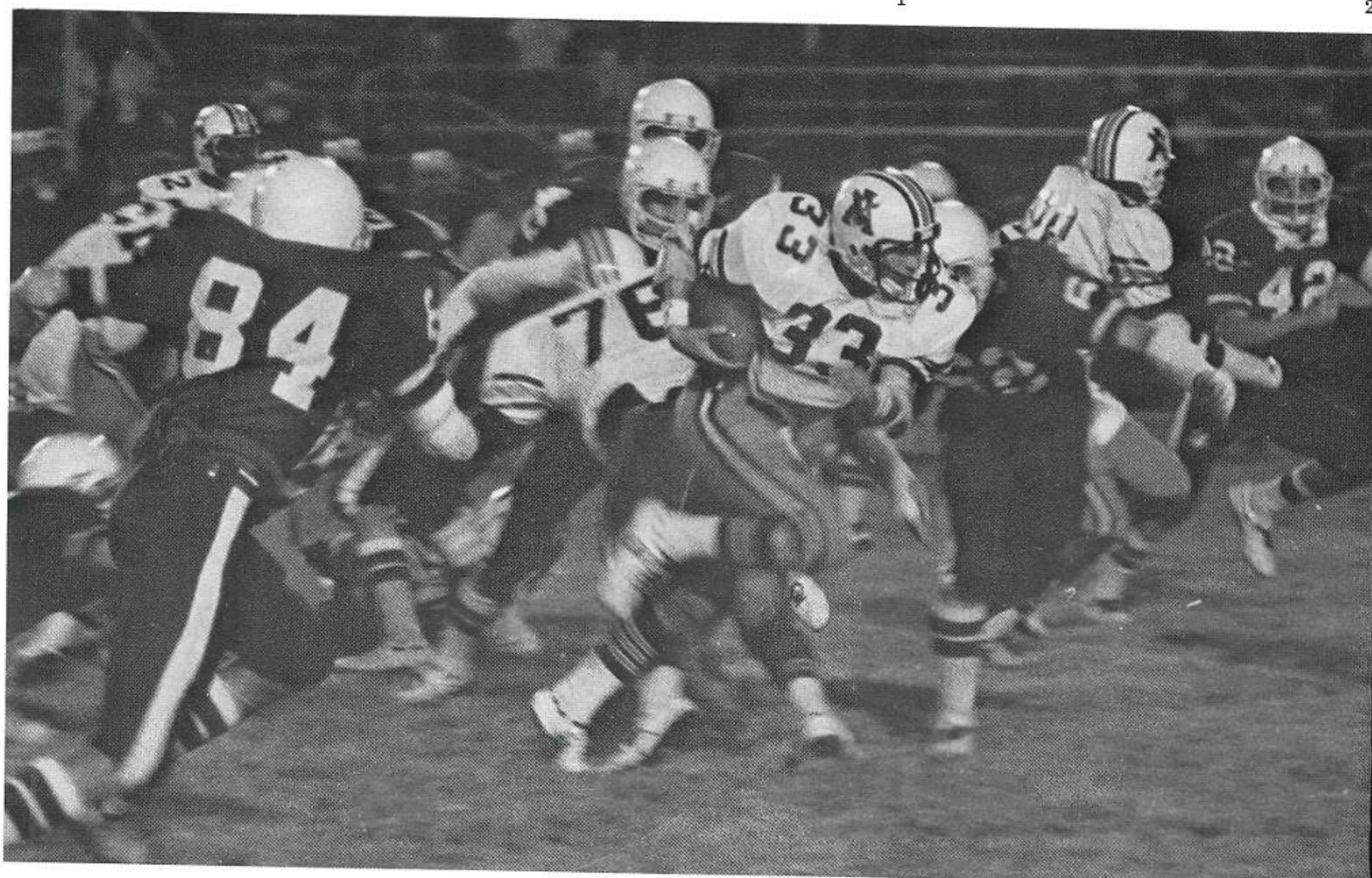
back.
 4. Protecting the Eagle territory, the AHS defensive line awaits the opportunity to lunge toward their opponents.
 5. Against the powerful Mojo's defensive, Dee McGlothlin burst through the middle for a last minute break to the goal.



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AHS Eagles show wins for two out of three

By harassing the Big Spring Steers on their home ground, the Eagle football team opened their District 5-AAAA play with a slashing 38-15 win.

The first quarter left the Eagles with a slim six point lead on a twenty yard run by tailback Reggie Fields. The extra point attempt failed because of an off kick by place kicker David Perry.

In the second quarter tailback Reggie Fields showed why he was later named the district's leading rusher. He surprised fans by scoring two more touchdowns on 14 and 1 yard runs giving the Eagles a 19-0 lead at the half.

The Eagles were shut out in the third quarter while Big Spring managed to close the gap to 19-7. When it came time for the fourth quarter, the Eagles were on the move again making the final score 38-15.

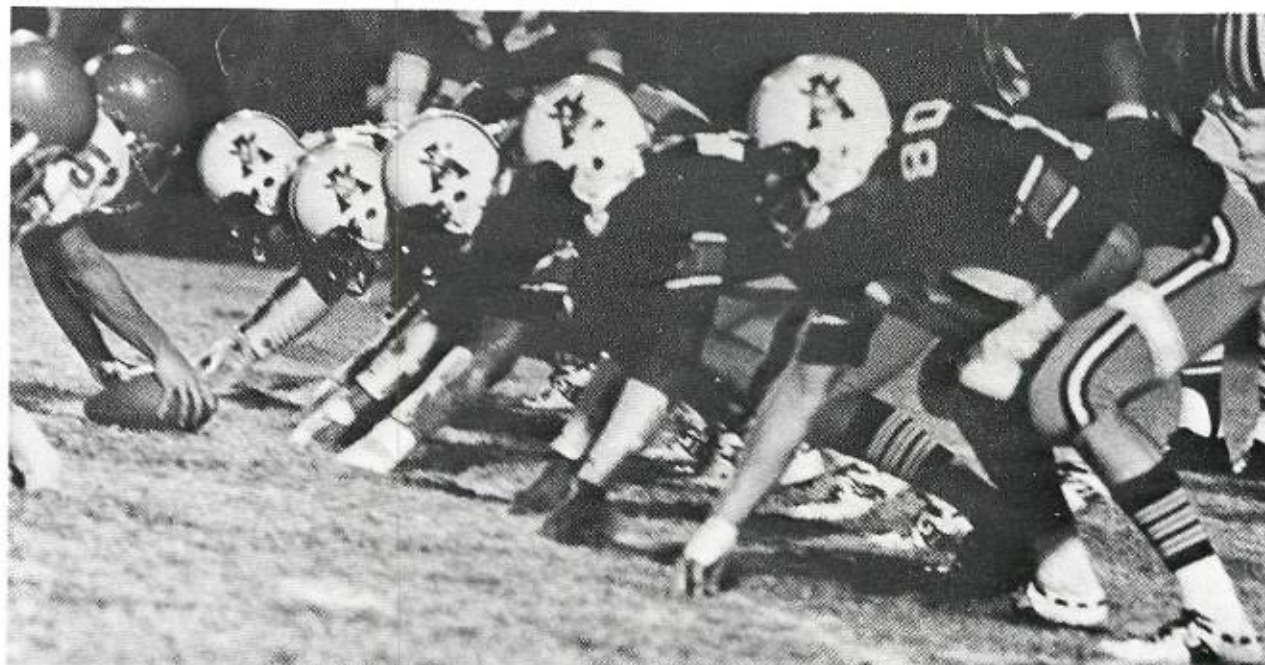
Odessa Permian mania known as "Mojo Power" wiped clean the hopes of the Eagles

to defeat the longtime powerhouse of District 5-AAAA. The game was one of many mistakes mostly on the part of the Eagles. Except for a fumble by Permian early in the first quarter which led to a field goal by David Perry, the game fell into the waiting paws of the Permian panthers.

Coming out with a 3-3 tie in the third quarter, the Eagles soon loost all hope of being District 5-AAAA champions. When time ran out, the Panthers had defeated the Eagles 24-3.

A lot more than a one-sided game faced the Bulldogs when AHS traveled to Midland High during the middle of the football season. Abilene High led in every category from total yards to fumbles. The Abilene defense managed to deny Midland the opportunity to gain substantial yardage in the air or on the ground.

The Abilene offense put together 27 points to defeat the Bulldogs 27-8.



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Chuck Dubose
Brad Faulkner
Reggie Fields
Richard Flores
Vince Ford



Wes Gorman
Ben Henkhaus
Todd James
Mike Jones
Dee McLaughlin

Eagles snatch three more back to back

In a game marred by penalties, Abilene High defeated the Midland Lee Rebels, 23-14. All in all, 176 yards of flags fell with 105 yards marked against Midland Lee and 71 yards against Abilene.

Abilene High's first scoring drive ended when quarterback Loyal Proffitt hit tightend Les Bruce with a ten yard pass making the score 7-0. The Rebels immediately gained revenge with an 80-yard drive capped with a 64-yard bomb from quarterback Gary Burler to wide receiver John White. Abilene again scored to break the tie before the half ended and went in with a 13-7 lead. However, the Rebels took the lead in the second half on a 9-yard run by fullback Mark McCowan. Later a fumble resulted in a 32-yard field goal putting the Eagles back on top to stay 16-14. The icing on the cake came when Proffitt found tightend David Russell for an 8-yard touchdown.

A week later Homecoming proved just as successful. While Jamie Farmer was being crowned Homecoming Queen, the Eagles were beating the Odessa Broncos, 24-20. The game went right down to the wire, until the Broncos were finally stopped on the third down with two yards needed and about three minutes left in the game. Abilene had another possible opportunity to score, but elected to run out the clock and avoid any turnovers.

The following week at San Angelo, the Eagles outplayed the Bobcats, 21-15. Angelo outgained Abilene 390 yards to 232, but the difference proved to be an 80-yard run by running back Dee McLaughlin.



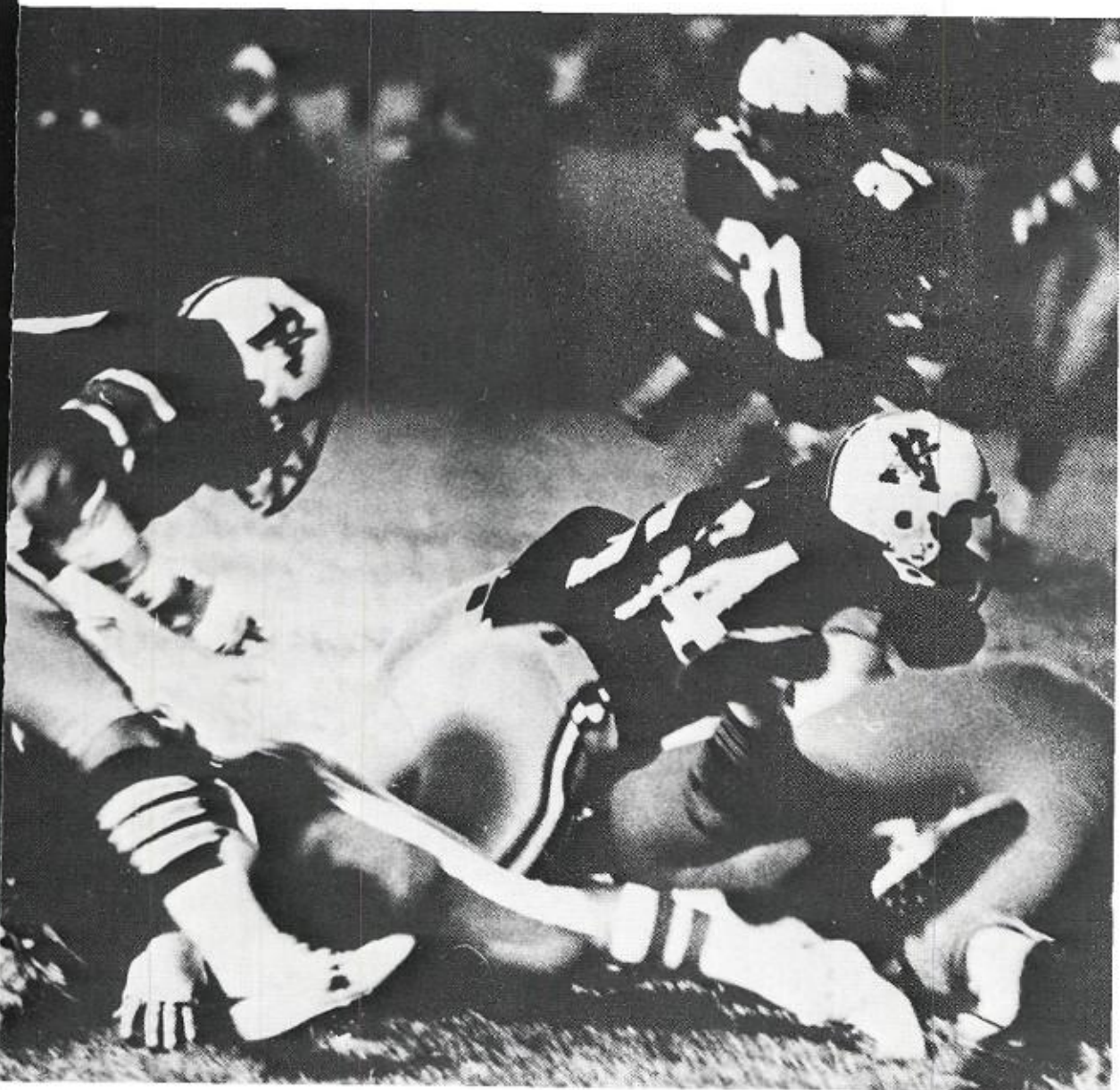
Joe Marquez
Clarence Moore
Angel Munoz
Allen Odstreil



Woody Payton
Clarence Penns
David Perry
Loyal Proffitt



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1. Leaping high into the air, defensive tackle Richard Flores attempts to block an Odessa High field goal.
2. Intense concentration is one of Les Bruce's strong points, as shown in this pass-catching attempt against Odessa.
3. While looking over the Midland Lee Rebel's defense, quarterback Loyal Proffitt barks out the offensive signals.
4. Defense is a definite plus as the Eagles face the Odessa offensive.
5. Frantically trying to get rid of the ball, Odessa quarterback Bill Rumbaugh gets pressure from tackle Richard Flores.

Revenge awaits the '79 football season

Hungry for revenge the Warbirds worked anxiously all through the week prior to the Cooper contest, preparing their strategy and themselves both mentally and physically. With the help of their coaching staff, which had a combined total of 76 years athletic experience, they were determined to do their best.

The Abilene High Eagles met the Cooper Coogers at Shotwell stadium to begin the eighteenth faceoff between the two 5-AAAA schools. The Eagles lined up with the wind in their face ready to receive the ball from the Coogers. Watching intently during the first-half of play, the Warbirds examined the Coogers team plan for flaws and gaping holes. The Eagle defense managed to hold their own throughout the first two quarters of play as the scoreboard read 6-7 at halftime in favor of the Coogs. Throughout the third-quarter the Eagles worked to keep their game alive. Quarterback Loyal Proffitt worked hard to suppress the Cooger defense and momentum despite the water which accumulated on the field before game time.

The closely fought struggle for supremacy kept the Eagles and Coogers on their toes throughout the evening, but despite the Warbirds gallant effort the evening ended with a score of 21-14 in favor of Cooper. For the thirteenth straight time, the sweet taste of glorious revenge edged away from Abilene High.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

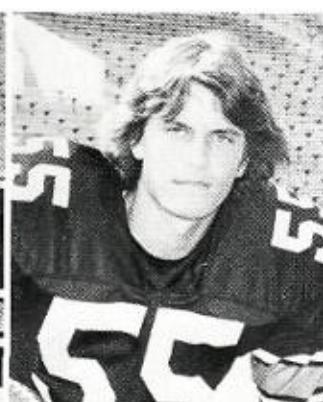
OPPONENT		AHS
Rider	6	20
Stephen F. Austin	7	27
Temple	49	0
Big Spring*	15	38
Permian*	24	3
Midland High*	8	27
Odessa*	20	24
San Angelo*	15	21
Midland Lee*	14	21
Cooper*	21	14

WINS—7 LOSSES—3

*District Games

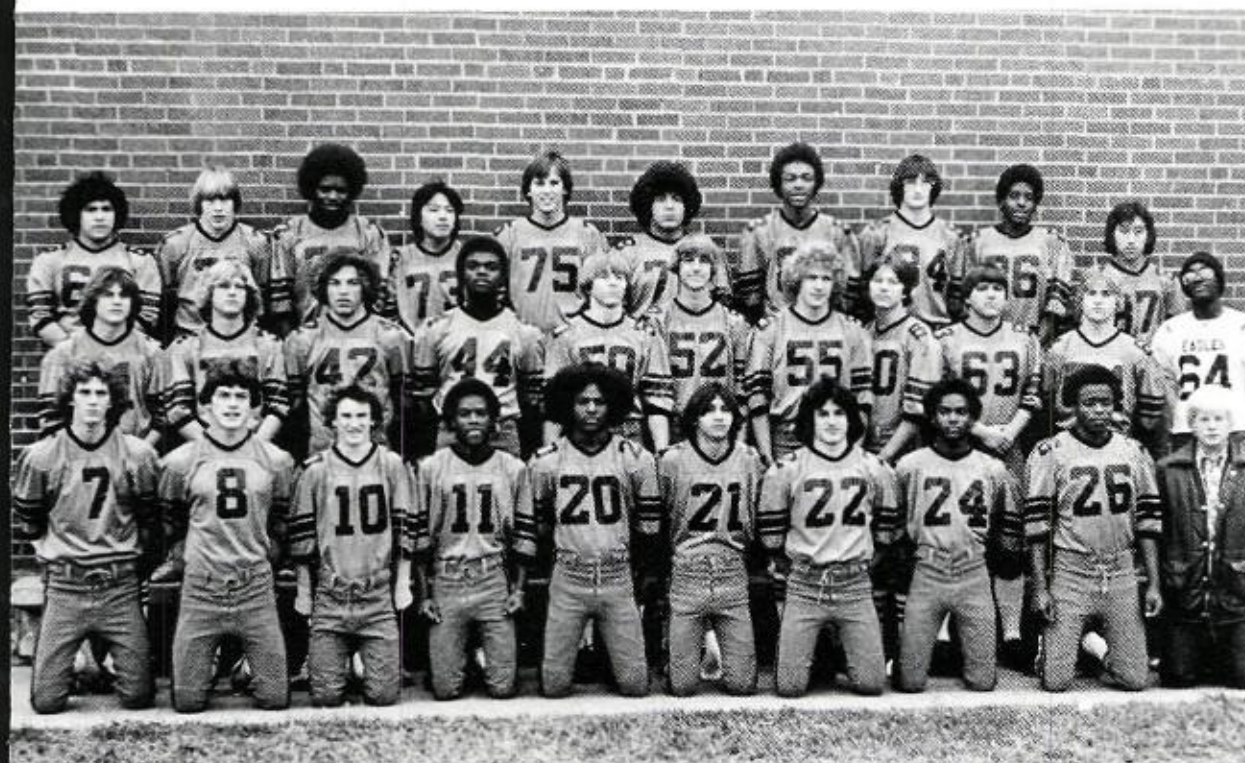


Sammy Reyes
Willie Roberts
David Russell
Jimmy Sinclair



Darrell Smith
Seth Smith
Lupe Tonche
Brett Whitaker





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J. V. surprises district

The AHS junior varsity football team combined strength and strategy to achieve a 5 and 4 season record.

In the first game of the 1978 season, AHS provided a highly defensive game which gave an end result of an 8-6 win over the San Angelo Bobcats. At the Big Spring game, Big Spring was engulfed by the Eagles' offensive with a final score of 20-6. Odessa Permian cracked the Eagles confidence with an impressive 39 to 0 victory, but this only made the Warbirds retaliate with a 40-6 win over Midland High the following week.

In later games Abilene High shattered San Angelo and Midland Lee with scores of 42-18 and 18-6 respectively. Despite the Eagles anticipation of a victory over their crosstown rivals, the Cooper Coogers, the Eagles lost by a score of 55-25.

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

OPPONENT		AHS
San Angelo	6	8
Brownwood	18	12
Big Spring	6	20
Permian	39	0
Midland High	6	40
Odessa High	24	13
San Angelo	18	42
Midland Lee	6	18
Cooper	55	25

WINS—5 LOSSES—4

1. Giving some helpful pointers to the football trainers is coach Doc Bradley.

2. *Junior Varsity football.* FRONT ROW: Brian Stout, Dave Potts, Mark Smith, Bruce Payne, Derrick Fields, Ricky Ciseneros, Marco Munoz, Mike Payne, Darren Robertson, Bruce Bailey. SECOND ROW: Gene Lackey, Jeff Hagemann, David Williams, Danny Conners, Nicky Watts, Kyle Crisman, Mike Parrot, Arlee Hunter, Arthur Price, Mike Doughty, Tommy Grant. BACK ROW: Richard Aguirre, Mark Lockwood, Kenneth Jones, Anthony Beblowski, John Greenlee, Eddie Martinez, Reggie Hunter, Eddie Davis, Steve Perry, Jessie Jimenez.

3. Through Cooper defenders, Eagle tailback Reggie Fields runs for a successful gain.

4. Taking a breather from the tiring Cooper game is senior guard, Bill Henkhaus.

5. Moving in on Cooper J. V. quarterback, Lanny Dycus, Arlee Hunter, an Eagle guard, and Charles Torres, an Eagle tackle, defend their territory.

Spirit reaches peak through leadership

What had twenty-four legs, was able to leap tall gyms with a single bound, had twelve pairs of hands with plenty of last minute artistic ability, several big mouths capable of producing high decibels of sound and a never ending energy supply even after coming in at 3:00 a.m. several mornings? The most frequent answer was, of course, the cheerleaders and Eagle squad.

From the beginning of the summer of 1978, the cheerleaders started their work by attending a special summer camp for cheerleaders at East Texas State University. This prepared the cheerleaders for the major job of boosting spirit in store for them during 1978-'79.

Eagle Squad aided the cheerleaders and Bold Gold members in backing teams and encouraging spirit throughout AHS. Duties of the Eagle Squad consisted of changing the marquee and carrying the spirit flags during football games. The spirit flags, bought by the Abilene Boosters Club, were a new addition to the campus and gave a fresh look to the spirit leaders' activities.

The challenges of a cheerleader or Eagle Squad member may have seemed fun and appealing for many, but hours of work and concentrated talent went into making the 1979 school year an exciting and memorable year filled with school spirit.





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1,3,8., Breaking the spirit sign during the Big Spring pep rally, Linda Montez leads the Eagles to their first victory.

2. Posing for football program shots are cheerleaders: FRONT ROW: Cessilye Scott, Linda Montez, Nancy Eastburn, BACK ROW: Kathy Batson, Marelyn Bridges, Becky Lackey.

4. Announcing the guest speaker for the Midland Lee pep rally, Nancy Eastburn pauses and awaits the students' attention.

5. In the aftermath of the 50's day pep rally, Carole Simpson listens as Nelson Coates interprets his opinions of the fashions.

6. Braving the winds, Matt Craig watches the field in hope of an Eagle yardage gain.

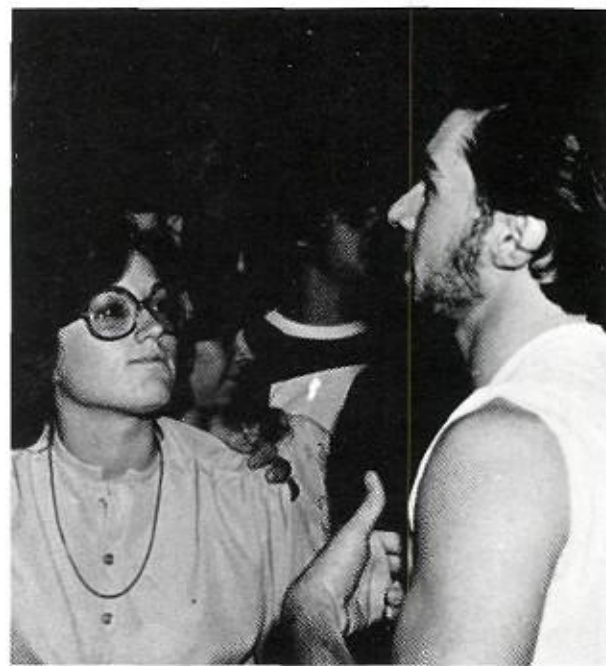
7. In a technique learned during the summer cheerleading camp, Marelyn Bridges and Becky Lackey unveil their skills to the student body during the San Angelo pep rally.

9. Preparing to begin the Homecoming pep rally, Kathy Batson expresses her joy.

10. Aimed to elevate spirits, at AHS Nelson Coates, Scotty Sims, Derrick Caballero, Clay Hale and Ross Sparks serve as Eagle Squad during the 1978-'79 season.



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Activity, participation exceed expectations

On the first day of school the Eagle Gym filled with smiling, teenage girls. They had met a few times during the summer, but this was really the beginning of the 1978-'79 Bold Gold.

Sophomores stood in groups talking about what was to happen during the coming year. Junior and senior members of the Bold Gold helped new members by filling them in on what would prove to be a very hectic schedule for the next three trimesters. Football, basketball, volleyball, pep rallies and fund raising projects were just some of the activities ahead of the girls. Section leaders Faith Whitmill, Sharon Shelton, Donna Cook, Karen Poteet and Kathlene Thompson along with Bold Gold sponsors, worked together to make all of these activities possible for the 1979 school year.

These projects sounded like fun, but they actually took many hours of hard work. The girls in Bold Gold were required to learn the rules for every activity for which they participated. They also made signs for the pep rallies and competed against one another in decorating to promote spirit.

The Bold Gold had many fund raising projects throughout the year. These consisted of selling ribbons, toboggans, spirit towels and spirit cushions. The major money raising activity sponsored by the Bold Gold was a disco dance held in the Eagle Gym. Booths run by individual squads sold refreshments at the dance. As a result of their hard work they earned enough money to pay for transportation to football games.

For the 1978-'79 Bold Gold, the year was filled with hard work, fun, new friendships and many memories.



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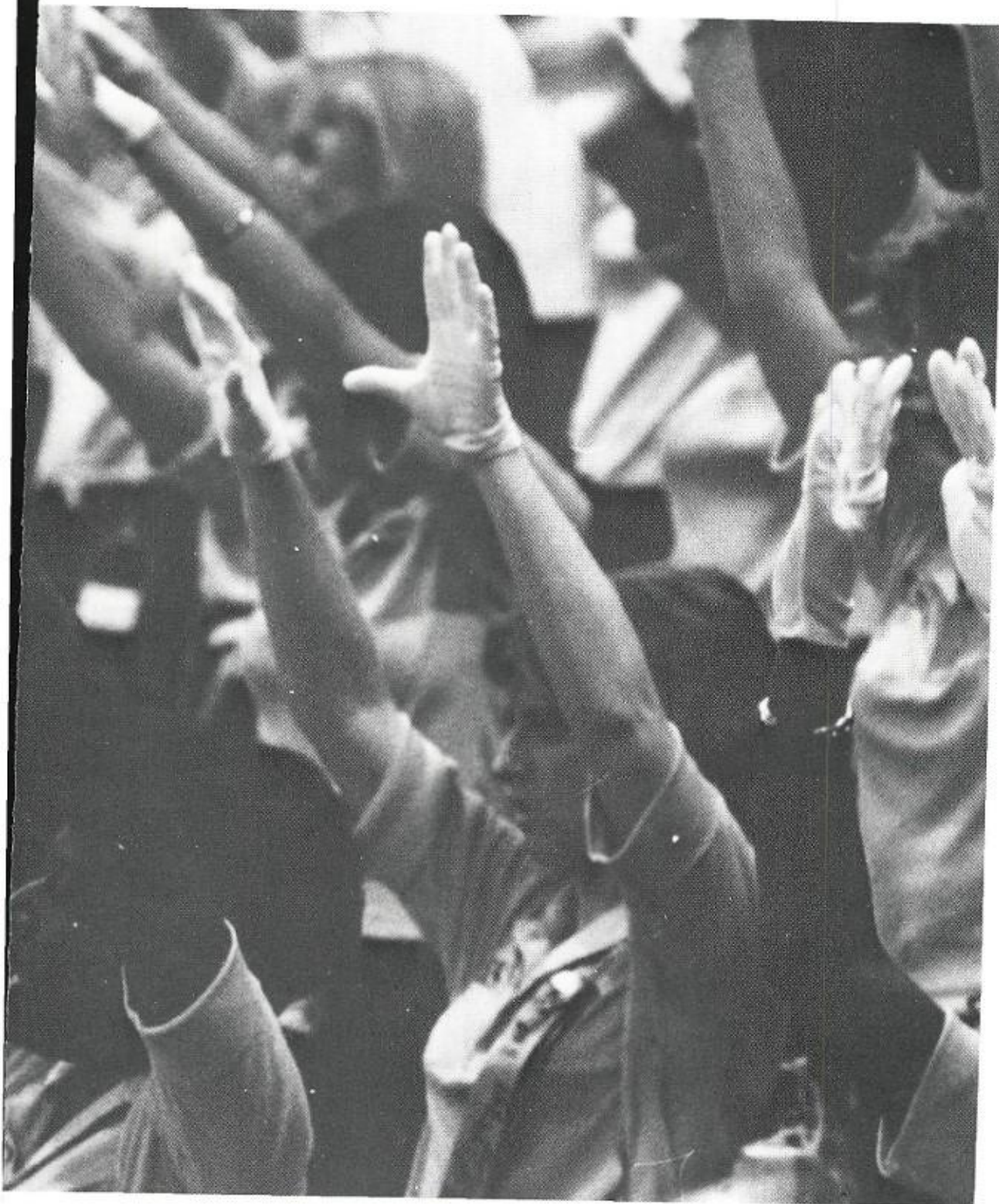




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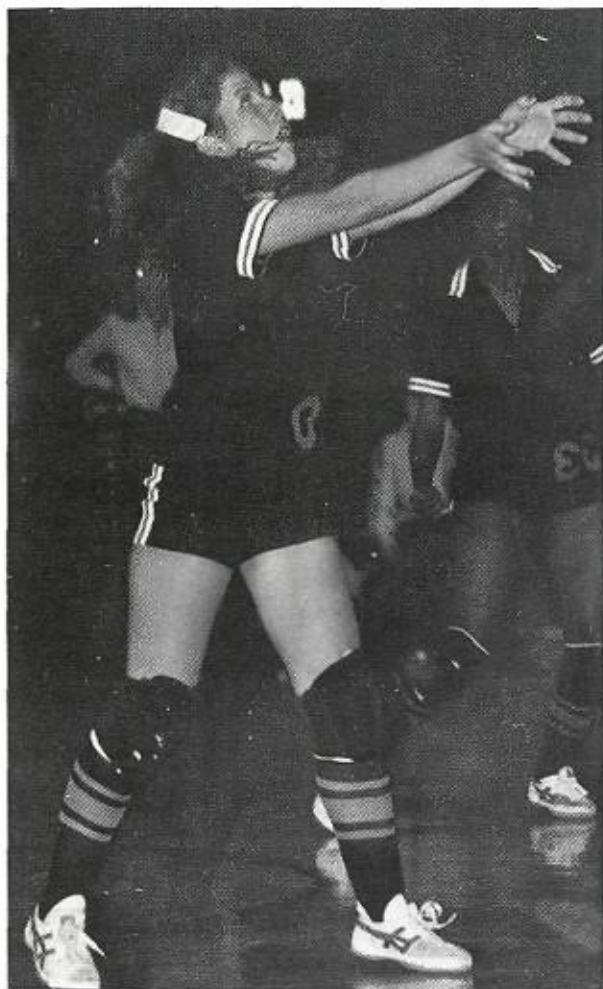


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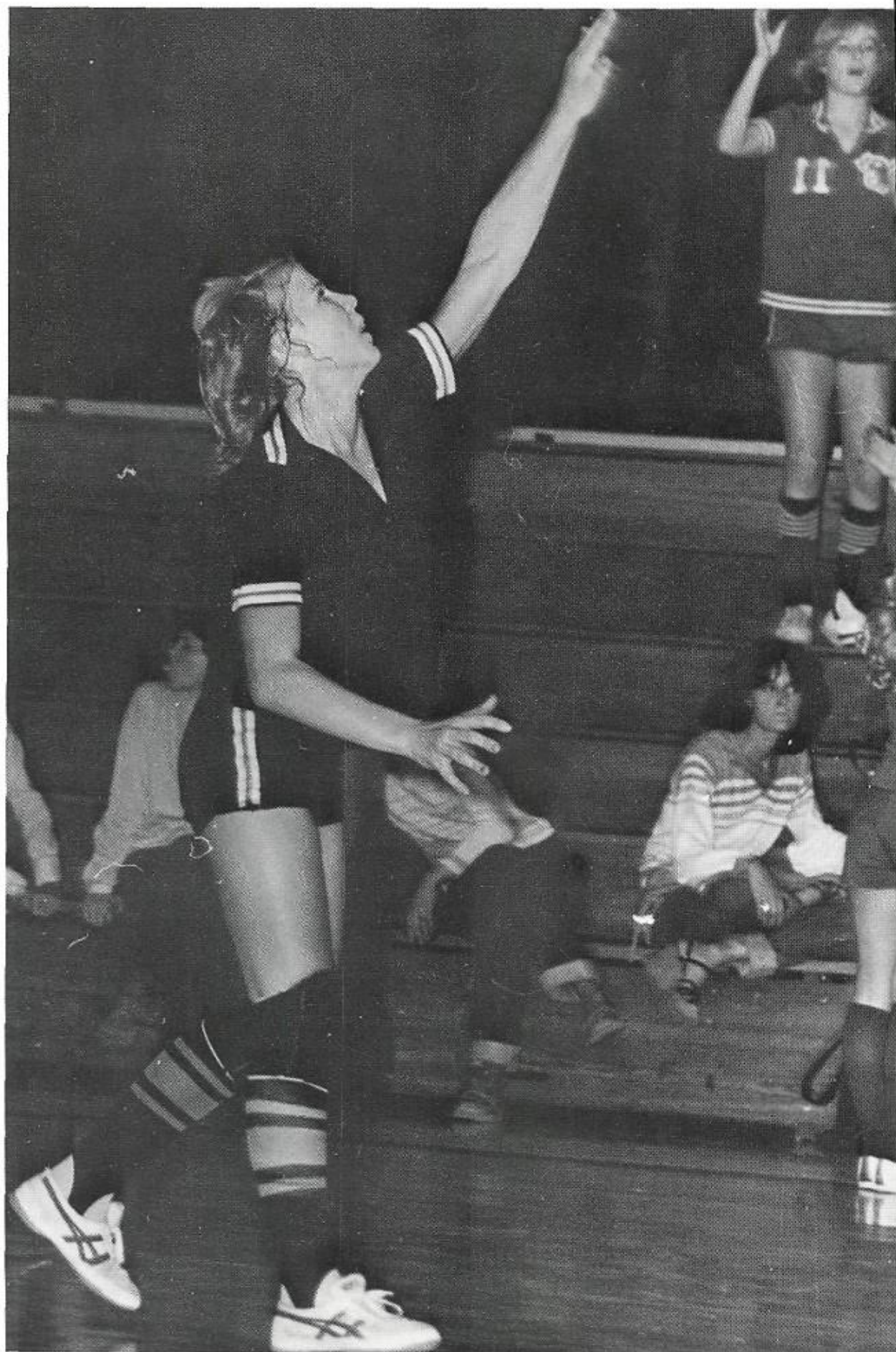
1. Awaiting the signal from the cheerleaders to start the next chant, the AHS Bold Gold stands prepared during the San Angelo pep rally.
2. *Bold Gold Leaders:* Tammy Cook, Kathleen Thompson, Karen Poteet, Jackie Francis, Sharon Shelton, Donna Cook, Toni Storey, Faith Whitmill.
3. To the music "The Power of Gold", AHS Bold Gold performs at Taylor County Coliseum during the half-time break of the AHS vs. CHS basketball game.
4. Hands clasped and raised, the Bold Gold unite with the hope of victory during the singing of the school song.
5. A symbolic representative of eternal Eagle spirit, the Bold Gold leads students in the fighting team yell.
6. With attention focused on her squad members, Michelle Mahanay still cheers for an Eagle victory.



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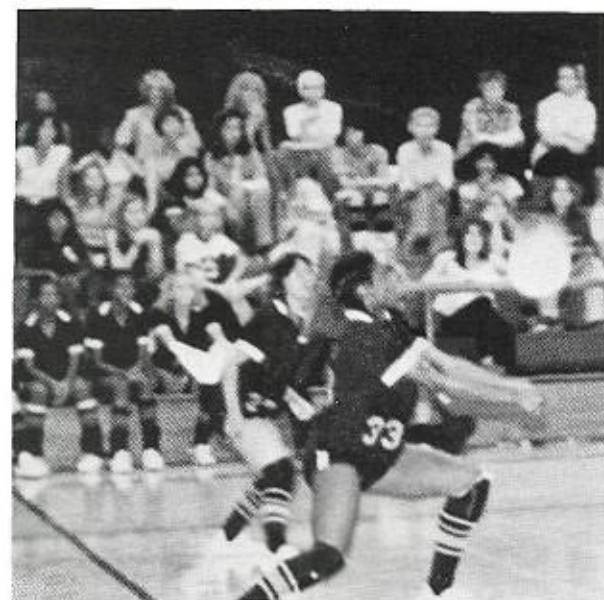
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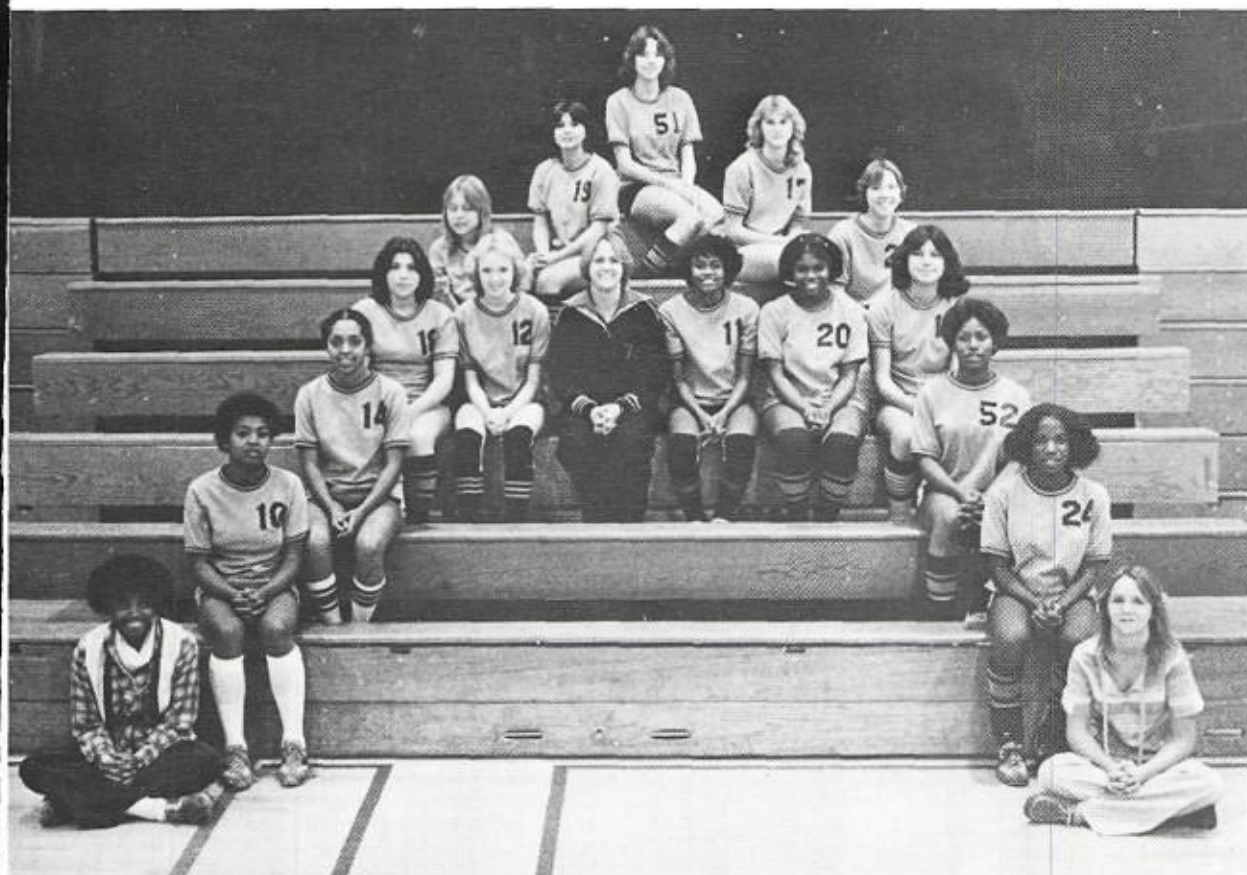
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1. Anticipating the movement of the ball, Julie Eversdyke attempts to volley the ball back to the awaiting opponents.
 2. With the ball in motion, Christi Higgins watches closely as the upward bound sphere leaves the Eagles' court.
 3. In expectation of the drop of the ball, Stacia Blahak checks the length of her range before the crucial moment.
 4. *Junior varsity volleyball.* Gwen Cranford, Debbie Maxwell, Rene Booker, Casandra Jones, Latcia Pinon, Jacqui Jones, Eyvette Rodriguez, Susan Blakenship, Miss Trudy Davis (coach), Jeri Francis, Rhonda Ritchie,

Gina Garcia, Patsy Newburn, Sherry Teeters, Rachael Barzia, Kay Baldwin, Cindy Ross.
 5. *Varsity Volleyball.* Miss Trudy Davis (coach), Tammy Yoshihara, Brenda Mathews, Julie Eversdyke, Lou Ann Williams, Stacia Blahak, Paula Balanciere, Mrs. Janet Hindman (coach), Felicia Gill, Lesa Gorman, Christie Higgins, Resha Glover (manager), Gloria Estrada.
 6. All eyes appear on Brenda Mathews as the crowd awaits the return of the volley.
 7. During the half-time break, Coach Trudy Davis points out the faults of the first-half and supplies strategy for the second-half.



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Three C's motivate volleyball conscience

Concentration, confidence and consistency were the three C's that Miss Trudy Davis depended on to help volleyball achieve a winning season. The team centered their concentration on the game plan in order to play to their fullest abilities. Confidence also was a major factor in playing well. Similarly, consistency in strategy was important in enabling each team member to work as a part of the unit. Practice consisted of a weary four hours a day in the summer and two and a half hours a day after school started. In spite of practice, the varsity emerged at the end of the season with a 6-19 record. Teamwork which had involved studying the opponent's offense and defense and trying to play to the opponent's weaknesses helped but was not quite enough.

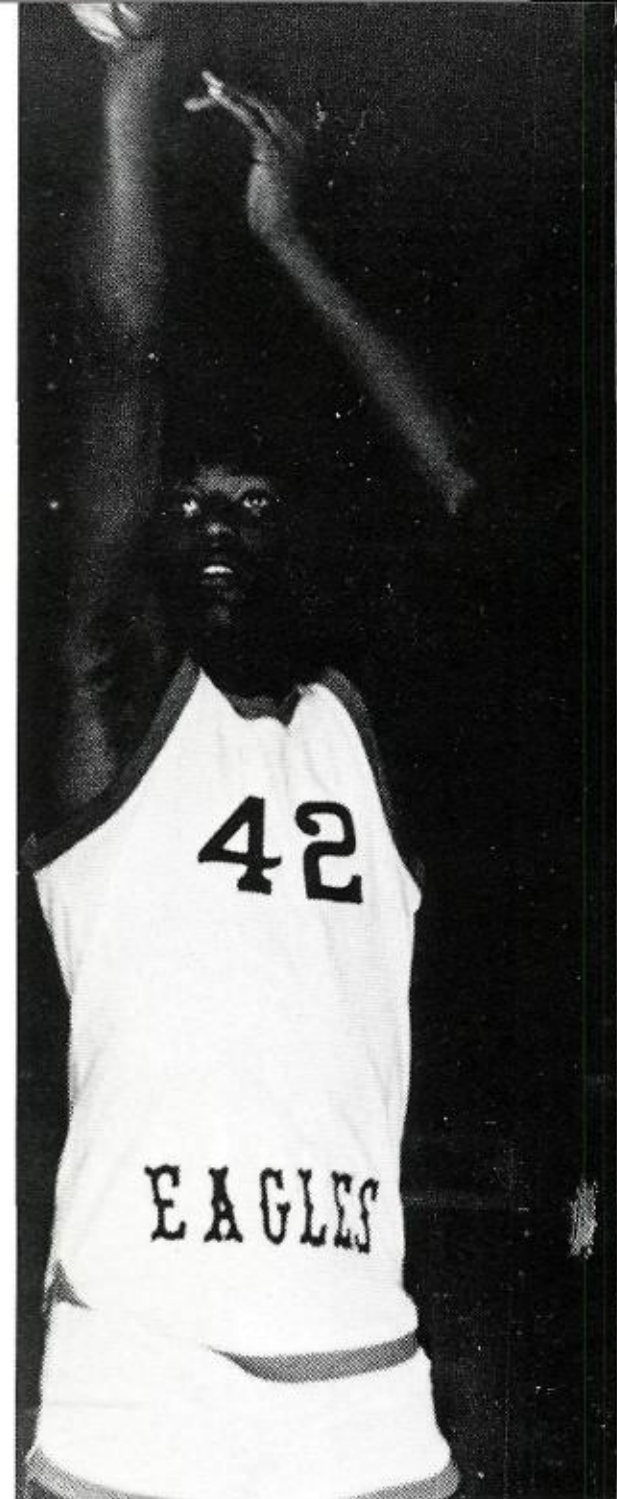
Along with the stressed three C's of volleyball, Paula Balanciere, an all-district senior at Abilene High, aided the team in the few victories which they had.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL			
AHS vs Bronte	15-12	10-15	12-15
AHS vs San Angelo	2-15	5-15	
AHS vs Lubbock	15-8	15-12	
AHS vs Coronado	2-15	7-15	
AHS vs El Paso	2-15	1-15	
AHS vs Sweetwater	15-8	15-5	
AHS vs Bronte	15-8	1-15	2-15
AHS vs Big Spring	3-15	11-15	
AHS vs Odessa Permian	11-15	5-15	
AHS vs Odessa	12-15	15-11	2-15
AHS vs San Angelo	1-15	2-15	
AHS vs Midland	8-15	9-15	
AHS vs Cooper	8-15	5-15	
AHS vs Big Spring	3-15	5-15	
AHS vs Colorado City	12-15	4-15	
AHS vs Cooper	12-15	15-9	10-15
AHS vs Big Spring	3-15	5-15	
AHS vs Odessa Permian	9-15	11-12	15-10
AHS vs Midland	5-15	15-17	
AHS vs Odessa	6-15	15-6	15-17
AHS vs San Angelo	9-15	8-15	
AHS vs Midland Lee	2-15	6-15	
AHS vs Cooper	12-15	14-9	10-15
WINS 3, LOSSES 21			
JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL			
AHS vs Sweetwater	15-11	15-17	17-15
AHS vs Bronte	5-15	2-15	
AHS vs Sweetwater	8-15	5-15	
AHS vs Colorado City	9-15	15-8	15-13
AHS vs Big Spring	0-15	4-15	
AHS vs Permian	2-15	15-8	2-15
AHS vs Midland	13-15	3-15	
AHS vs Odessa	12-15	3-15	
AHS vs San Angelo	2-15	0-15	
AHS vs Midland Lee	8-15	7-15	
AHS vs Cooper	10-15	14-16	
AHS vs Big Spring	15-13	3-15	6-15
AHS vs Permian	15-13	11-15	
AHS vs Midland	2-15	14-12	4-15
AHS vs Odessa	14-16	15-12	15-12
AHS vs San Angelo	7-15	4-15	
AHS vs Midland Lee	15-12	9-15	15-4
AHS vs Cooper	13-15	15-7	9-15
WINS 4, LOSSES 14			

1. Showing his form, Derrick Caballero an all-district player, shoots for two.
2. With a touch of class, David Russell scores another basket for the Eagles.
3. *Varsity Basketball team*, FRONT ROW: Mitchell Spivey (trainer), Derrick Caballero, Jeff Hof, Herbert City, Brooks Boynton, Kenneth Hampton, Reggie Thomas, Glenn Caldwell (manager). BACK ROW: Coach Dub Pierce, Ricky Fields, Paul McGee, Ross Sparks, David Russell, Mitch Gassaway, Billy Cummings, Kent Favor, Doc Bradley, Coach Boynton.
4. Waiting for the ball, Billy Cummings watches as David Russell and Reggie Cruz, of Cooper, sky for the opening tip-off.
5. Anticipating a goal, varsity player Jeff Hof, takes his turn at scoring.



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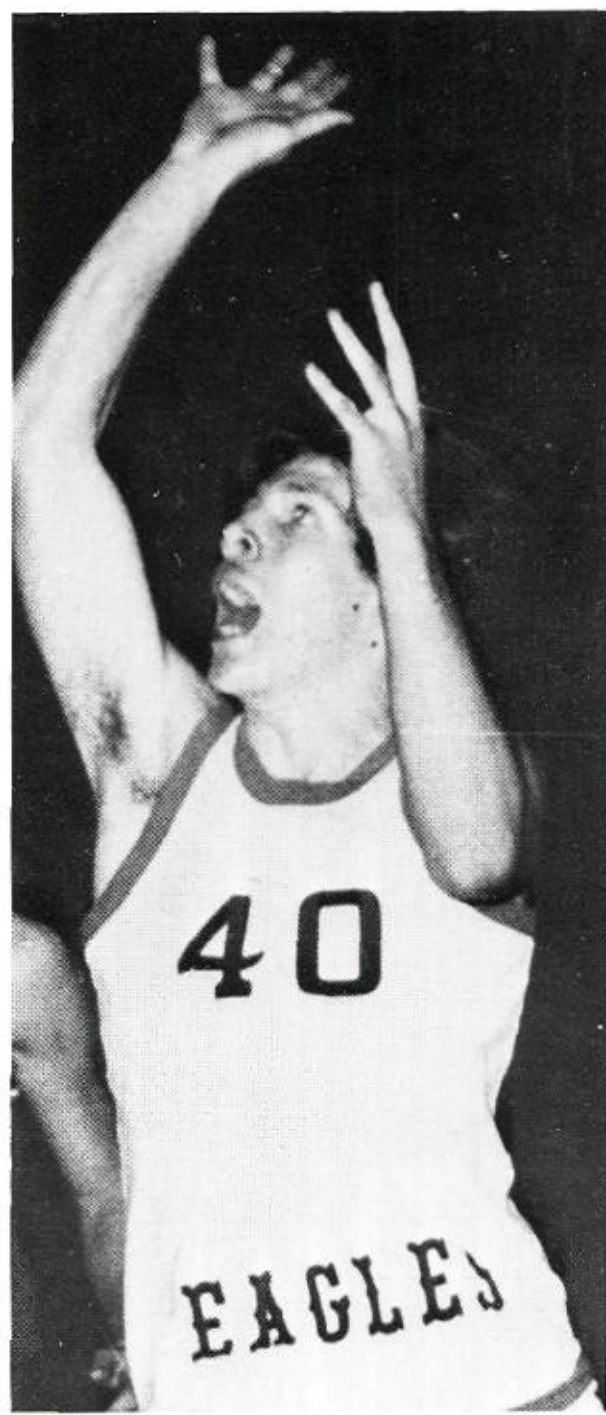
Preseason improves Boynton's dribblers

Coming off a season that took the Eagles' basketball team to the semi-finals in state for 1977-'78 could have proved too much for the 1978-'79 varsity basketball team.

However, Coach James "Tatter" Boynton was the head coach for the team again and anticipated another victorious season.

The assistant coaches also added experience to the leadership of the Eagles' basketball team.

The Eagle players worked with the same determination as any other team before them to try and improve their past records. With new drills and strenuous exercises, the 1978-'79 Eagle varsity basketball team prepared for district competition by facing stiff competitors in pre-season play. Fans, students and coaches were highly pleased with the victorious pre-season record exhibited by the varsity team.



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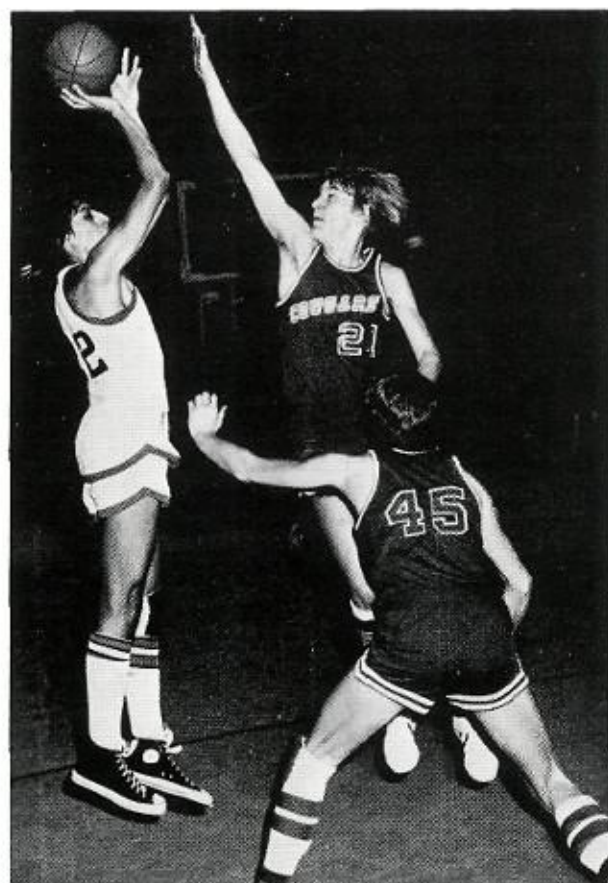
AHS dunks first half

Given only one returning, seasoned player to start the 1978-'79 basketball season, the Warbirds began district play by swarming past the Big Spring Steers with a magnanimous score of 46-36. Only days later, Abilene High surprised fans when the highly favored Permian Panthers of Odessa squirmed past the Eagles by a mere free throw with a final score of 43-42. However, after the Mojo game, the Eagles seemed to slide down hill as they were defeated by the Midland High Bulldogs in Midland with a score of 55-48.

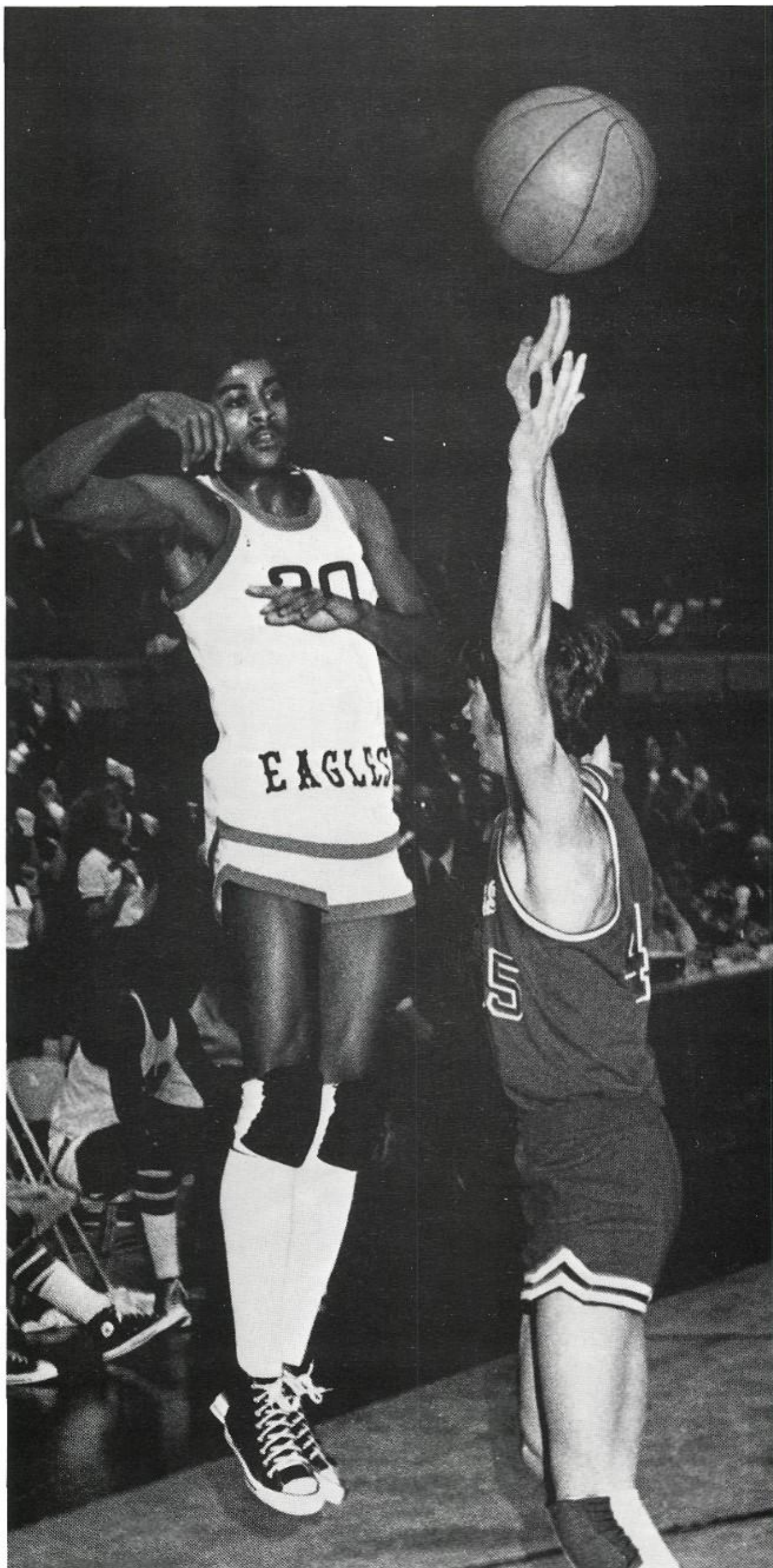
Closely following the defeat by Midland came a humiliating upset of 75-50 over the Odessa High Broncos in Abilene. Continuing the upswing, AHS buzzed by the San Angelo Bobcats, in San Angelo, with a score of 56-55, and Midland Lee was quickly put away by the mighty Eagles with a slaughtering score of 64-37.

One of the attributes to the team was the all around speed of Brooks Boynton and Derrick Caballero who were both seniors. Offensively, junior Jeff Hoff enhanced the team with his excellent ball control.

As the final game of the first half of district drew nearer, the Eagles hurriedly prepared for the contest with the crosstown rival, the Cooper Cougars. Pregame prediction proved true when the two teams met, for the Cougars slipped past the Eagles with one basket to their advantage with a final score of 53-51. The Eagles looked forward to a chance to better their standing in 5-AAAA play in the second half of district play.



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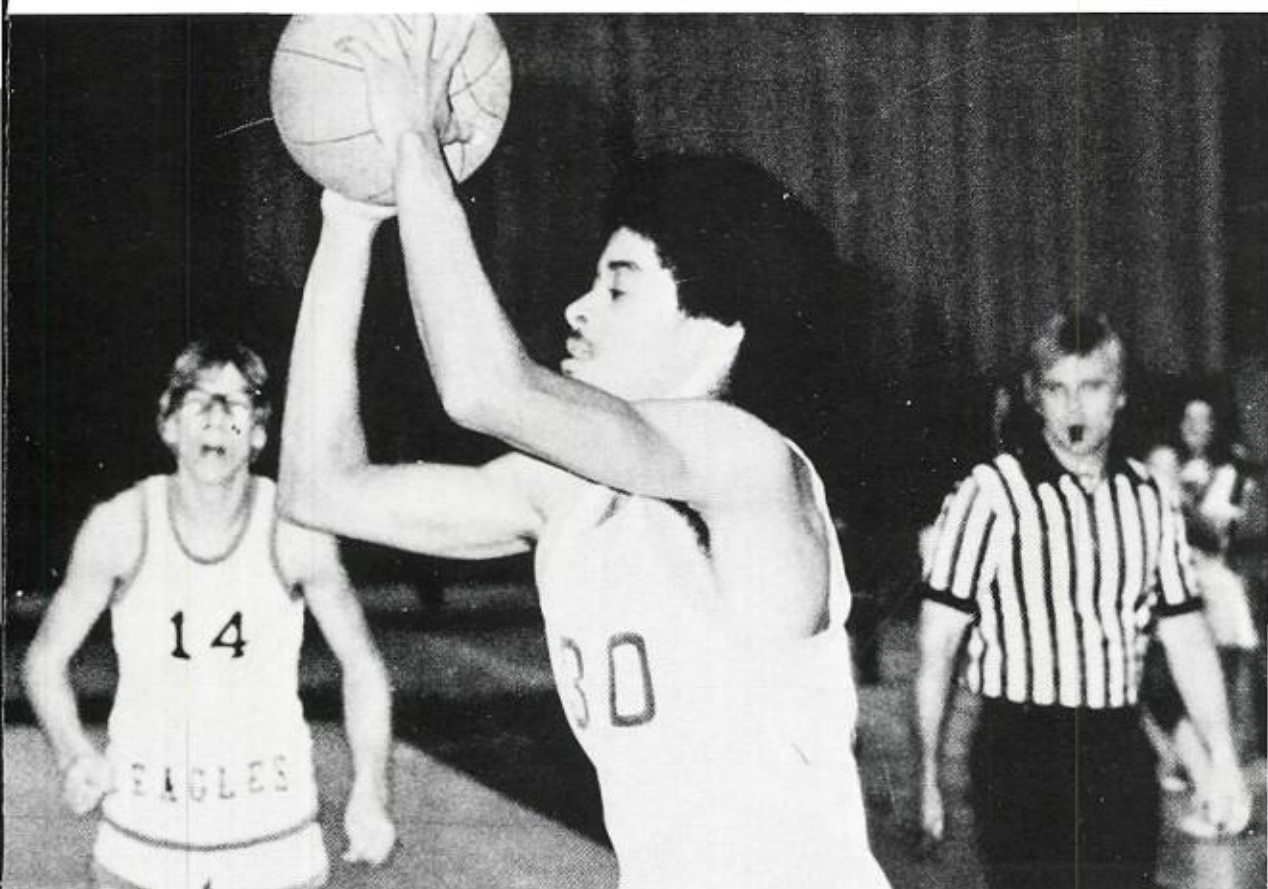
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1. Despite double coverage, by Mike Anderson and Kal Stewart of Cooper, Derrick Cabellero, an AHS senior looks on with extreme concentration.
2. Receiving a pass from over the head of Kal Stewart is Eagle Paul McGee.
3. While the referees check the basketball, Ross Sparks takes a breather.
4. During a brief time out, the Eagle team listen to a few words of encouragement from Coach James Boynton.
5. Unity and team spirit are the main topics in the huddle of Warbirds.
6. Intently looking on while Paul McGee eyes the basket is Brooks Boynton.

MEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL

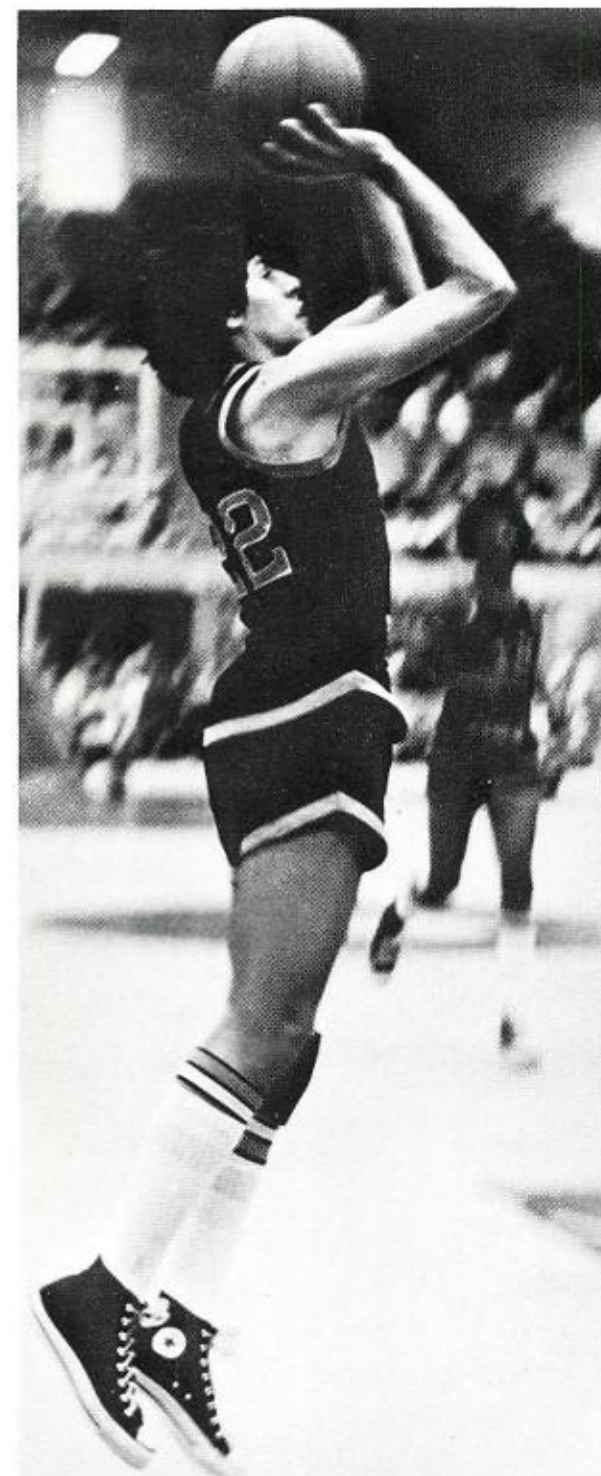
OPPONENT		AHS
Wichita Falls	64	52
Coronado	42	45
Ector	52	72
Temple	58	66
Brownwood	34	76
Hobbs	89	70
Mineral Wells	72	54
Monterey	44	33
Mineral Wells	56	58
Ector	59	56
*Big Spring	36	46
*Permian	42	41
*Midland High	55	48
*Odessa High	50	75
*San Angelo Central	55	56
*Midland Lee	37	64
*Cooper	53	51
*Big Spring	55	66
*Odessa Permian	57	54
*Midland High	48	42
*Odessa High	49	55
*San Angelo Central	54	52
*Midland Lee	49	58
*Cooper	57	54

*District Games

Wins-12 Losses-12

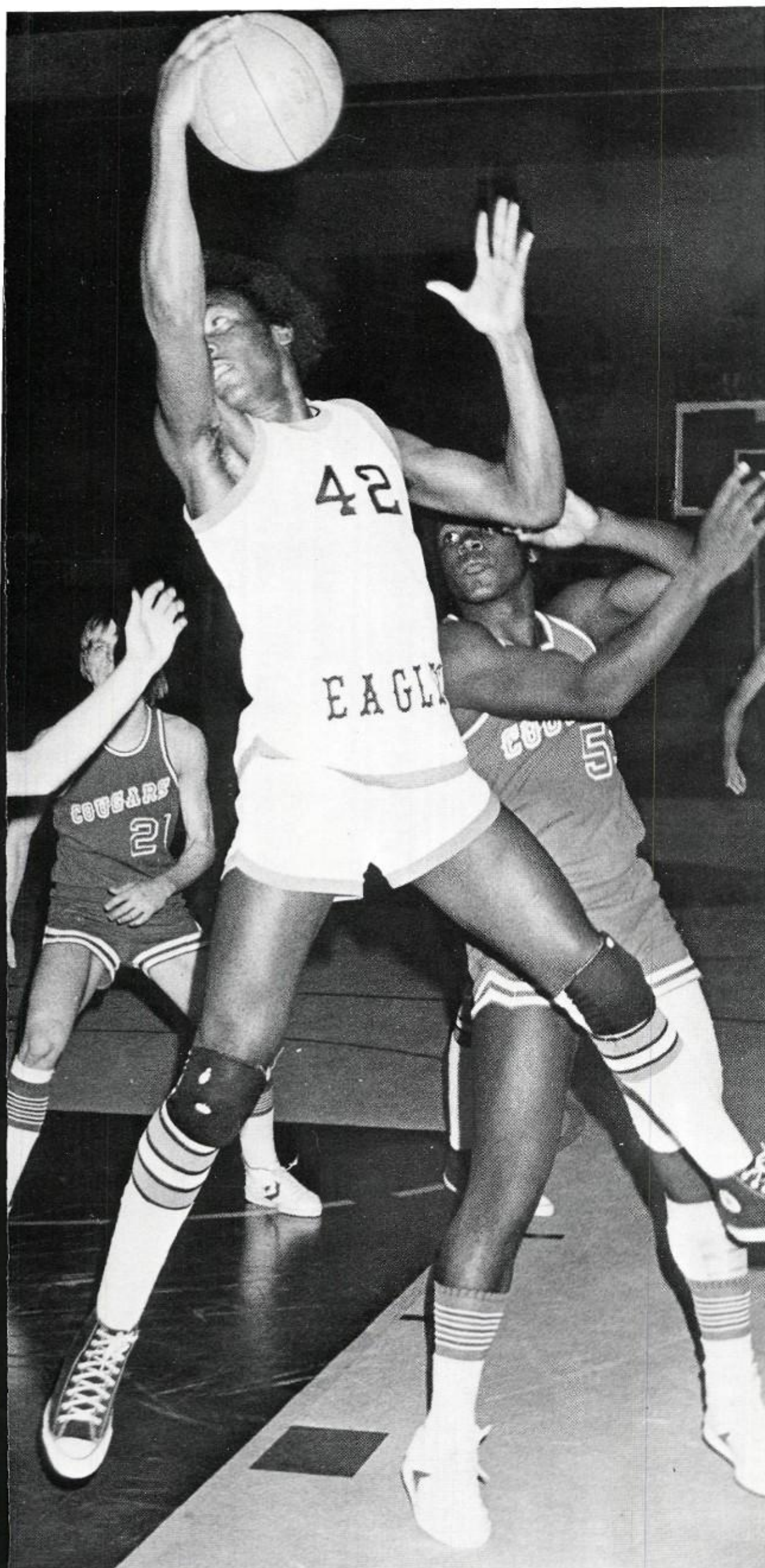


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1. Taking in the activities of the Cooper pep rally, the Abilene High basketball team anticipates the forthcoming Cooper game.
2. Amidst the mounting enthusiasm, the Eagle team helps to boost each other's spirits during the impressive opening ceremony.
3. Cautiously moving down court, Paul McGee looks for an open player.
4. Aiming carefully, Derrick Caballero attempts to increase the early lead over the Cougars.
5. In a desperate effort to retain possession of the ball, David Russell grasps an Eagle rebound.



Basketball dismayed at district conclusion

Though many Eagles had their "eyes on the ball," we were often overlooked by the enthusiastic crowds that followed the Eagle team down the district road. Overworked, abused and sometimes possessed with deflated egos, we advanced down the court, guided by trained hands, into the hoop we called home. Many nights during the fall, we suffered long emotional hours of ups and downs as the Eagles prepared for district. After much unacknowledged use, we traveled down court in gymnasiums across the district.

Though the first half of district was disappointing, we were carefully instructed to follow the aim of the AHS players. We were visited by the Big Spring Steers and spent more time speeding through the Eagle hoop than the opponents' bringing to the Eagles a substantial victory. A trip to Odessa Permian followed; however, the outcome was a disappointing 57-59 loss. The Warbird players continued to practice daily, tossing us into the basket from various positions on the court. They then successfully challenged Odessa High, following an upsetting 6 point loss to Midland High.

Our masters continued to play exciting games that were decided only in the last minutes. We stayed in Abilene for our last three contests. All our efforts to "swish" through the Eagle baskets seemed to be foiled in the last seconds by the Bobcat team from San Angelo.

Midland Lee visited the Eagle gym, but the experts trained by Coach "Tater" Boynton came back to toss us to a 58-49 victory. Our last effort of the year occurred at Taylor County Coliseum against the Cooper Cougars. Even after an exciting lead for the first three quarters of the game, the Cougars stole us away and dumped us through their baskets twice in the last seconds of the season to win over the Eagle men.

As we said goodbye to our faithful friends of the 1979 basketball team, we anxiously looked past our spring in the closet to the upcoming summer workouts of the 1980 men's basketball team.

Active women's team shoots for high goals

Under the direction of a new coach, the women's basketball team excelled in an exciting season that awed Abilene fans. Coach Pam Raughton led her roundballers into the 1978-'79 season with high hopes of a triumphant season.

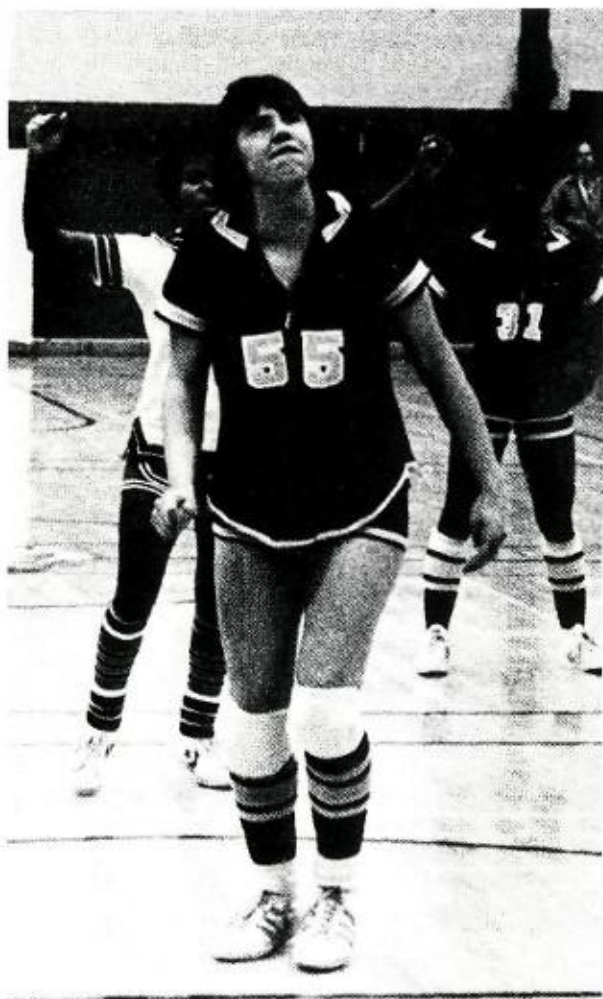
Rebounding from a first game loss to Merkel, the Eagle women went on to win their next six games against Trent, Coronado, Spur, Winters, Sweetwater and Big Spring. Typical of their first half, these victories displayed the impressive speed and strength of a team only in their second year of competition.

Implementing an hour to an hour and a half workouts, the girls prepared for the season. Working out in 1-3-1 zone supplemented with a 2-3 zone, the girls defended their string of victories.

Surprising the opposition, the extremely strong team showed the city that Eagles could not be underestimated as they became realistic contenders for the district championship.



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1. *Varsity Women's Basketball.* FRONT ROW: Darlene Giles, Jana Lane, Karen Washington, Sherri Kehl, Lois Brooks, Estella Garcia. BACK ROW: LuAnn Williams, Charlotte McGee, Julie Eversdyk, Rose Baldwin, Debra Grant, Stacia Blahak, Coach Pam Raughton.

2. Anticipating the outcome of her shot, Debra Grant watches as the ball speeds towards its intended target.

3. Getting the upper hand of the tip-off Debra Grant gains control of the ball for the Warbirds.

4. Straining for more lift Rose Baldwin stretches to meet the oncoming ball.

5. Attempting to gain two points, Rose Baldwin eludes Cooper players Rebecca and Julie Gibbs.

6. Taking a seat in the stands, manager Tonya Freeman sits back as she cheers her team on to victory.

7. Last minute instructions are given by Coach Pam Raughton as the Eagle women prepare to compete against the Midland High Bulldogs.



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Spectators awed by outstanding victories

Moving forth into second half play the Eagle women played with confidence that surprised everyone.

Spectators were awed by the progress put forth by the roundballers. Never before in the history of women's basketball had there been a more successful season than in the 1978-'79 school year.

The second half of seasonal play began with a win over the Big Spring Steers with a score of 44 to 31. With many victories to the team's credit, they further advanced into the playoffs with a decisive blow against Cooper.

High point scorers for the season were Debra Grant, Rose Baldwin and Karen Washington. Selected for first team district was Rose Baldwin; making second team district were Debra Grant and Karen Washington.

Impressed with her newly acquired team was first year Coach Pam Raughton. Coach Raughton stated that even though she wasn't at AHS in previous years, she felt that the team was probably the best since women's basketball began at Abilene High.

Women's Varsity Basketball

Opponent	AHS
Big Spring	44-31
Midland High	30-28
Odessa High	41-42
San Angelo	56-45
Midland Lee	47-33
Cooper	45-43
Permian	42-32
Big Spring	40-35
Permian	61-36
Midland High	34-36
Odessa High	43-44
Midland Lee	40-57
Cooper	62-58
Midland High	30-40

19 Wins, 10 Losses

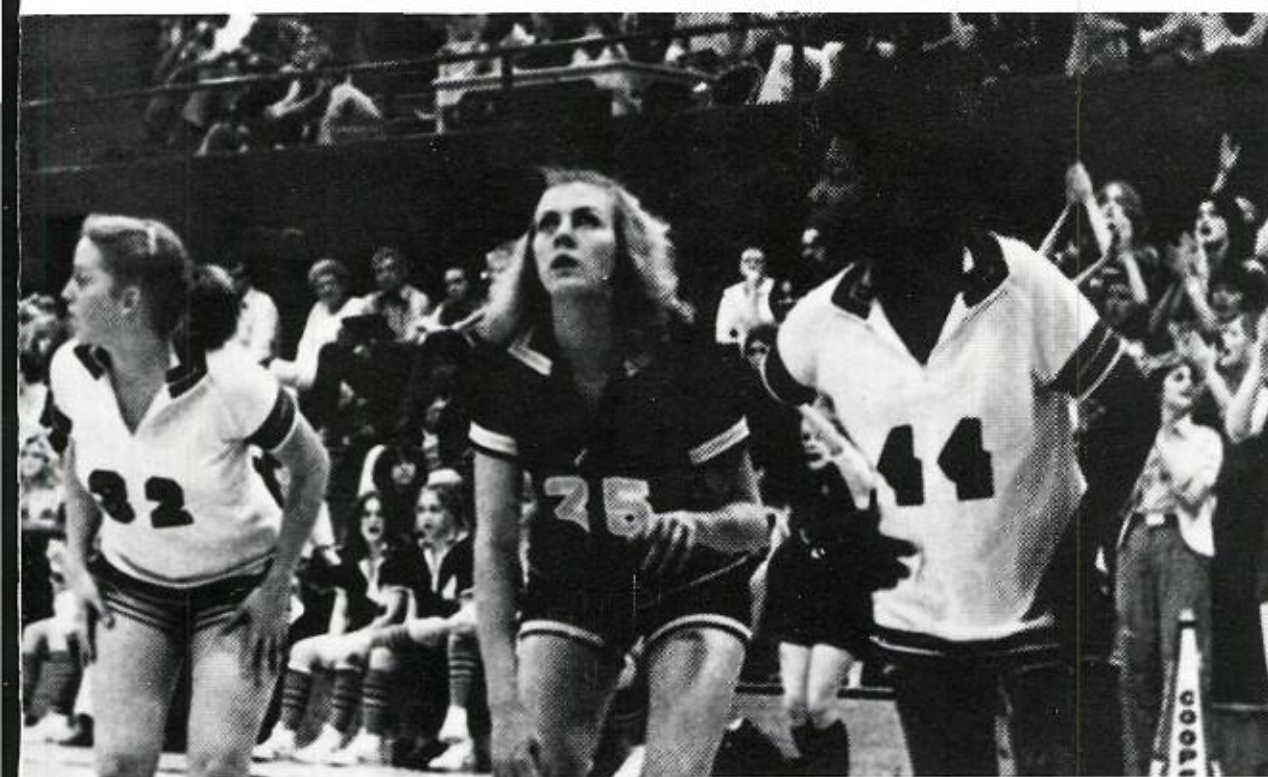




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1. Eyeing the goal Julie Eversdyke outmaneuvers the Midland High Bulldogs to score two more points for the Eagle team.
2. Adding their own words of encouragement, several varsity team members yell anxiously from the Eagle bench.
3. Straining for possession of the jump ball, Rose Baldwin uses her reserve strength to out jump her opponent.
4. Ecstatic over their victory against Cooper, Eagle players Lee Ann Williams, Debra Grant and Charlotte McGee follow a frustrated Cooper player off the court.
5. Inbounding the ball, Debra Grant eyes the court for an opening.
6. Caught in the excitement of the game, Coach Pam Raughton calmly gives some game winning advice to the Eagles.
7. Waiting for the free throw to be shot, Julie Eversdyke scans the air anticipating the ball's flight.

Effort: Key to JV's success on the court

In spite of the 11-15 record, the junior varsity men's basketball team put forth a tremendous effort during the 1978-'79 season. According to Coach Dub Pierce, the record was deceiving, and the team gave quite an accountable job. Although the team was predominately sophomores, Pierce said that he was pleased with their performances.

The training program that Coach Pierce instigated was typical of the other schools in the district. Workouts usually lasted from one to two hours each day and covered several important facets. These included

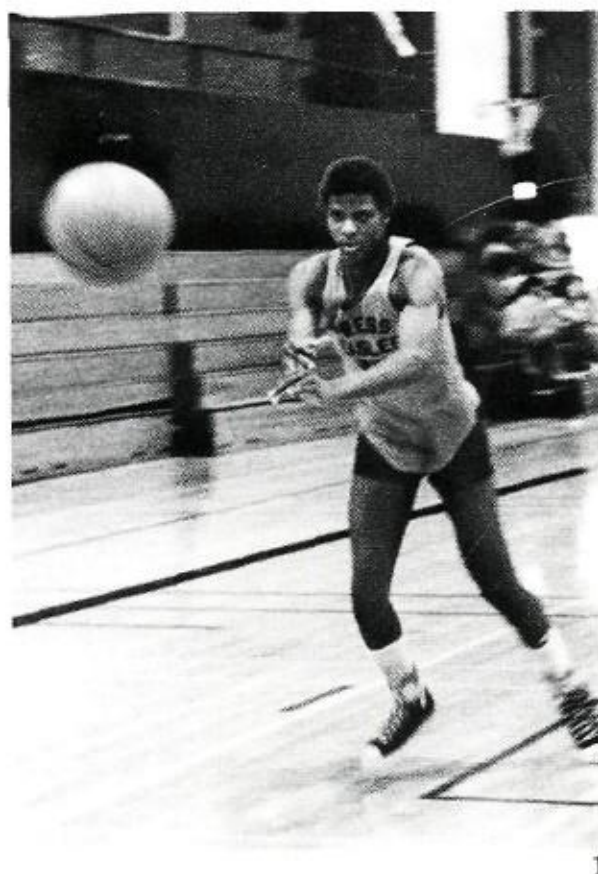
dribbling and passing drills, shooting drills, calisthenics and running drills. All of these aided the team in doing as well as they did.

As for the 1980 season, Coach Pierce said that he was very enthusiastic. "The junior varsity team was predominately sophomores. They had excellent potential to become good Eagle varsity players. They will continue to improve and become a credit to the AHS basketball program. If the team meets these expected actions, Abilene's junior varsity basketball team should do very well next year also."

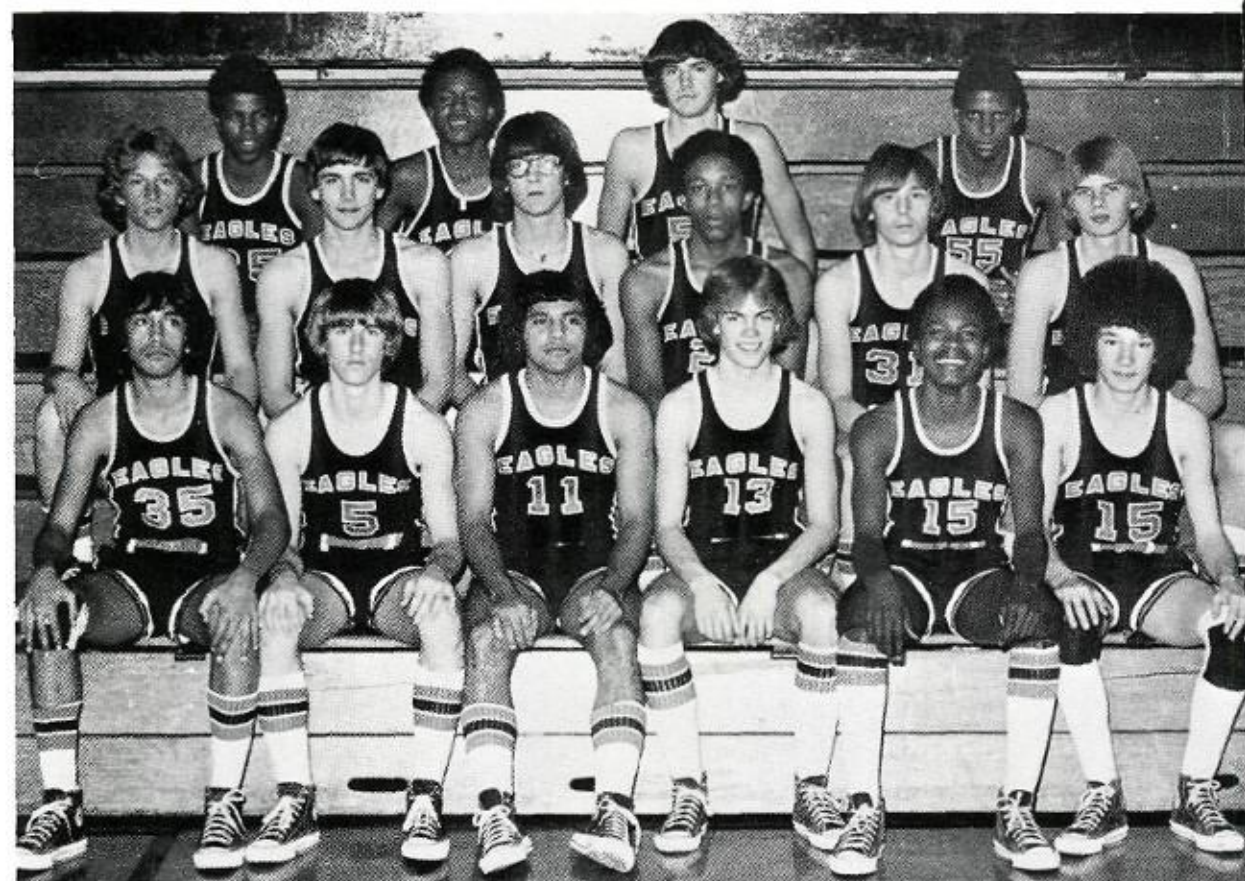
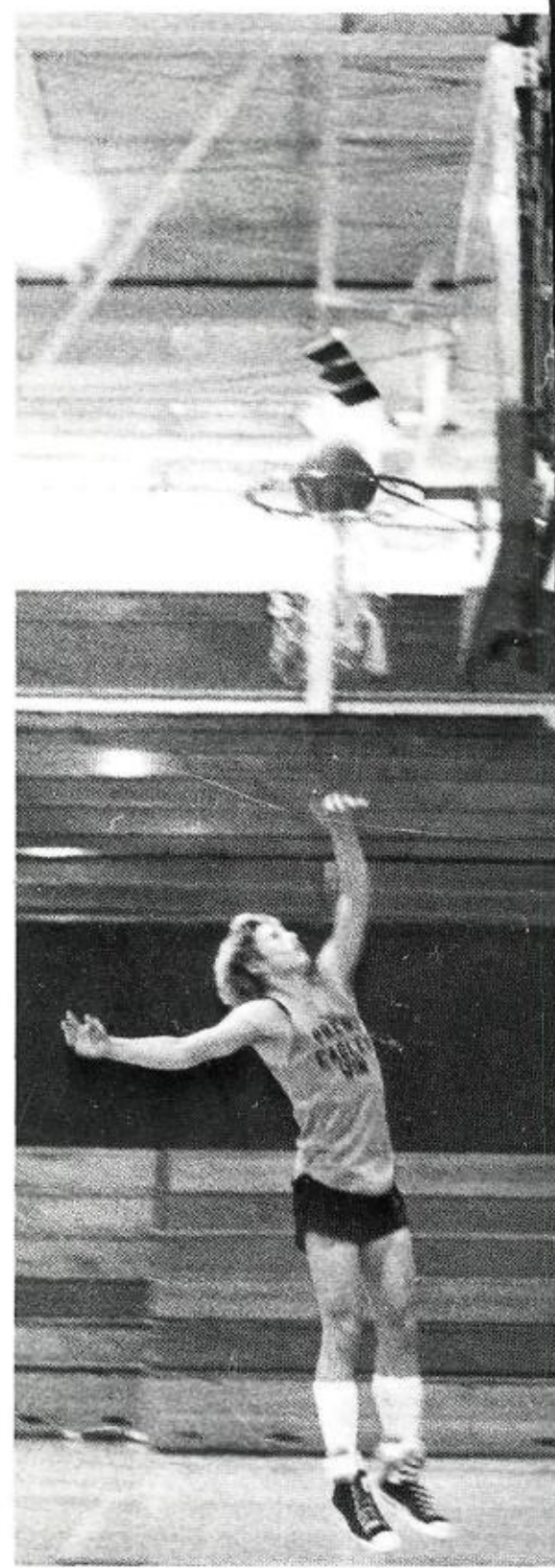
MEN'S JV BASKETBALL

OPPONENT		AHS
Wichita Falls	66	55
Coronado	46	37
Ector	55	42
Temple	68	44
Brownwood	48	57
Roscoe	44	61
Hobbs	91	72
Roby	33	59
Mineral Wells	62	72
Monterey	32	44
Mineral Wells	45	62
Big Spring	65	55
Permian	41	44
Odessa	40	64
Ector	71	58
San Angelo	69	44
Midland	78	63
Lee	60	59
Cooper	34	29
Big Spring	56	64
Permian	56	51
Midland	75	62
Odessa	54	20
San Angelo	63	54
Lee	60	77
Cooper	47	46

Wins—11 Losses—15



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Reconstruction leads JV girls to success

Although the Abilene High Women's JV basketball team ended the 1979 season with a 14-9 record, Coach Pam Roughton said, "the team put forth tremendous effort."

The team's workouts apparently helped them. Coach Roughton put them through severe types of training such as calisthenics, distant running, fundamental drills and weight training. These laborious practices usually lasted one to two hours per day and greatly influenced the team's performance.

According to Coach Roughton, the team had several strengths. Their quickness and aggressiveness on offense fortified their zone defenses. However, the team was not without their weaknesses. Passing and receiving were the areas which their coach hoped to improve.

Expectations for a more successful 1980 season were high. With all of their starters coming back, along with some new girls coming up, the team felt they would have the experience to make an impressive showing.



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1. Eyeing the ball, Stefan Daniels receives a pass from another teammate during practice.
2. Going up for a layup, Adam Burch hopes to improve his basketball abilities.
3. *JV Women*. FIRST ROW: Leticia Pinon, Benita Burnett, Ester Cortinez, Darcy Newlun, Mary Hopkins, SECOND ROW: Coach Trudy Davis, Sharon Jones, Yvette Rodriques, Linda Walker, Sonya Jackson, Shirley Walker, Patricia Moss, Charlene Newman, Coach Pam Roughton.
4. *JV Men*: FIRST ROW: Bobby Stokes,

WOMEN'S JV BASKETBALL

OPPONENT		AHS
San Angelo	49	13
Big Spring	22	40
Midland High	26	29
Odessa High	18	37
San Angelo	33	13
Midland Lee	40	25
Cooper	42	30
Permian	34	32
Big Spring	39	38
Permian	43	54
Midland High	45	25
Odessa High	33	39
Lee	42	25
Cooper	43	33

Wins— 5, Losses—9

- Mark Hudson, John Barrera, Wally McNeil, Robert Haynes, David Jenkins. SECOND ROW: Adam Burch, Mike Hargesheimer, Loyal Proffitt, Trey Wright, Ty Sasin, Jon Love. THIRD ROW: Donnell Allen, Andre Christian, Brian Oden, Stefan Daniels.
5. Preparing for a shot, Mary Hopkins sharpens her shooting skills.
 6. With deep concentration, Shirley Walker prepares for a free shot during practice.

1. AHS Swimming team: Tim Cordray, John Thompson, Rob Rankin, Michael Walderman, John Turk, Maggie Howell and Lisa Clevenger. Not pictured: Paul Huelett, Adam Andrews and John Wall.

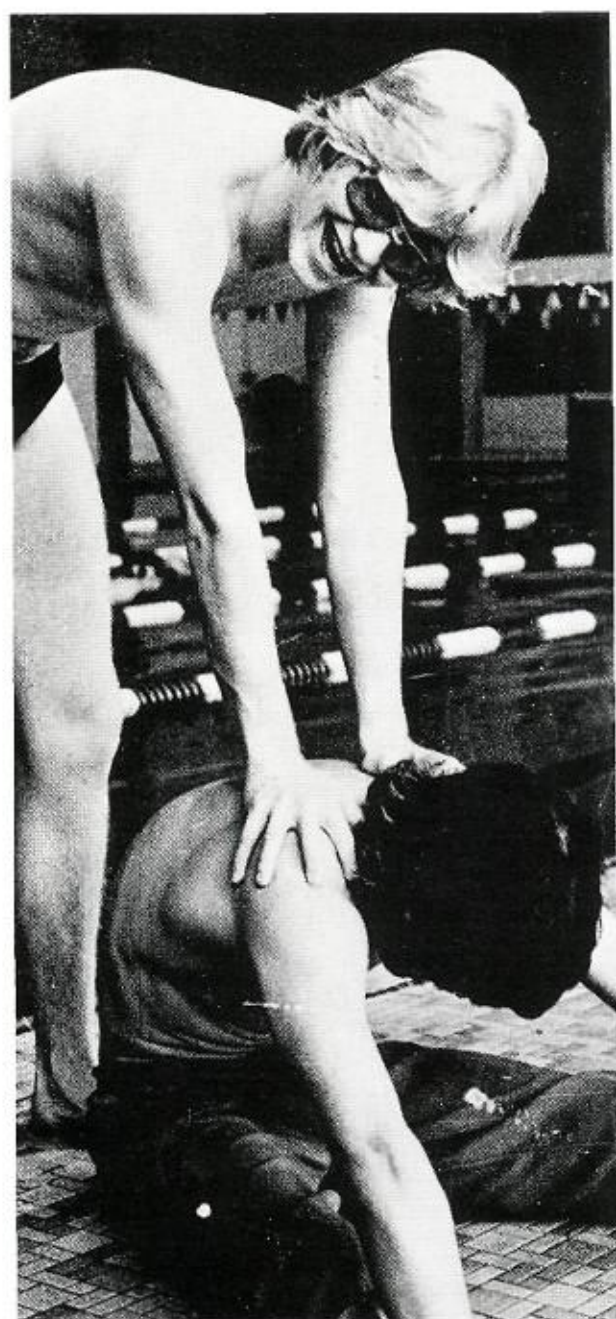
2. Stretching Rob Rankin's arms, John Thompson added depth to the swim team.

3. One of the newest members of the AHS swim team, Maggie Howell, shows some of her stretching exercises.

4. Helping John Turk, a fellow swimmer, during warm up is all a part of swimmer Tim Cordray's duties.

5. Showing the correct form, John Turk exhibits the backstroke.

6. With a diving start, regional qualifier Rob Rankin leaves the blocks.



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AHS swimming sect splashes with class

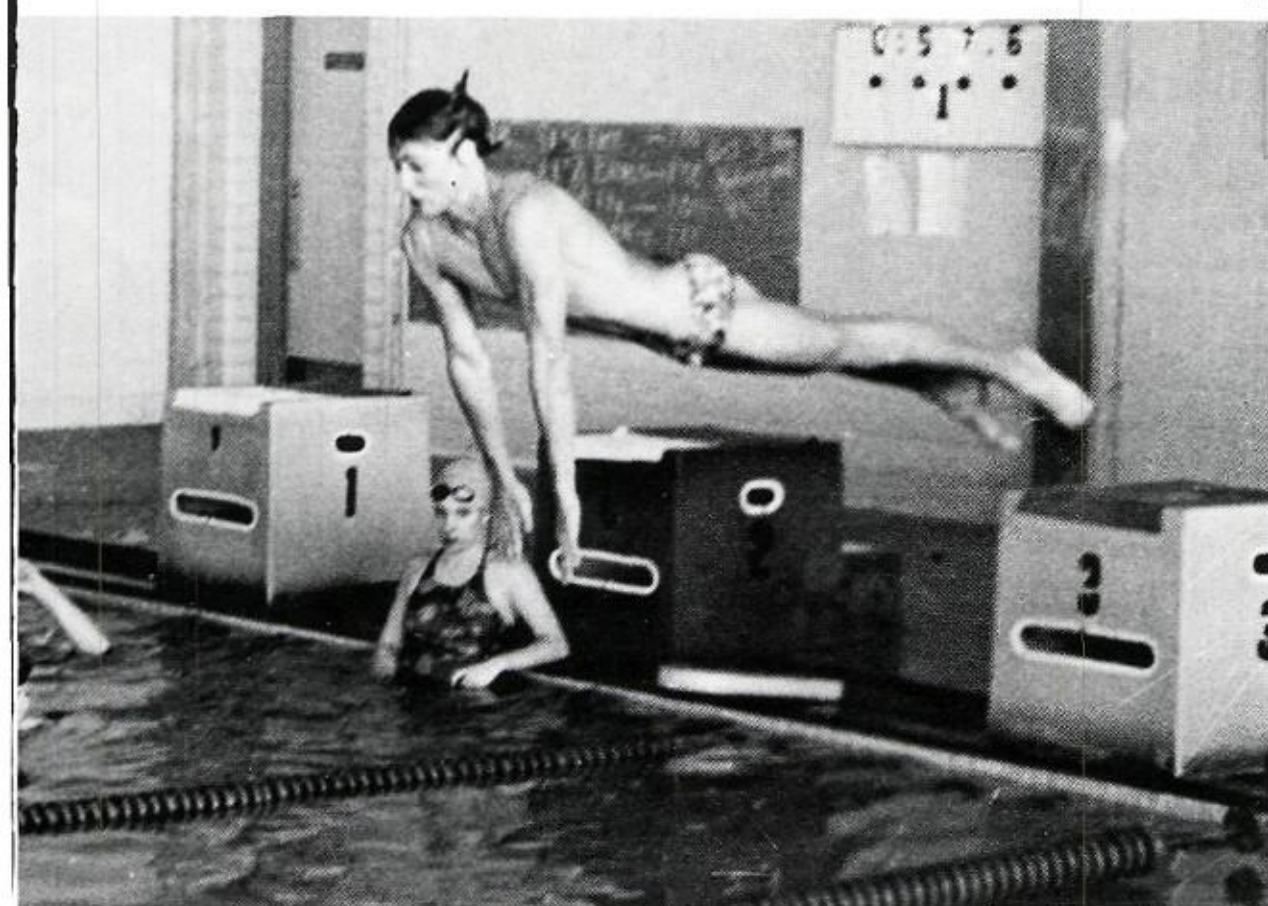
Under the guidance of Coach Beverly Ball, the 1978-'79 AHS swim team developed the skills necessary to become regional winners. The so called "fish" of Abilene High School used strenuous two-a-day workouts to obtain their goals.

During the two-a-day workouts, the swimmers were able to swim anywhere from 5000 to 8000 yards. Besides just swimming, the AHS swim team ran and worked in their weight program.

A good mental attitude and a will to be the best, motivated the swimmers. These few athletes were among those who had to totally dedicate themselves to their sport and area of specialty.

After slowly decreasing in the numbers from the 1978 season, the AHS swimming team owed much to those who supported them throughout the 1979 season. Especially supportive of the team were the cheerleaders, and their sponsor. These people showed their loyalty by attending swim meets both in town and out of town. The cheerleaders also gave the team parties to wish them good luck and continually made spirit banners to boost the AHS swim team's spirit.

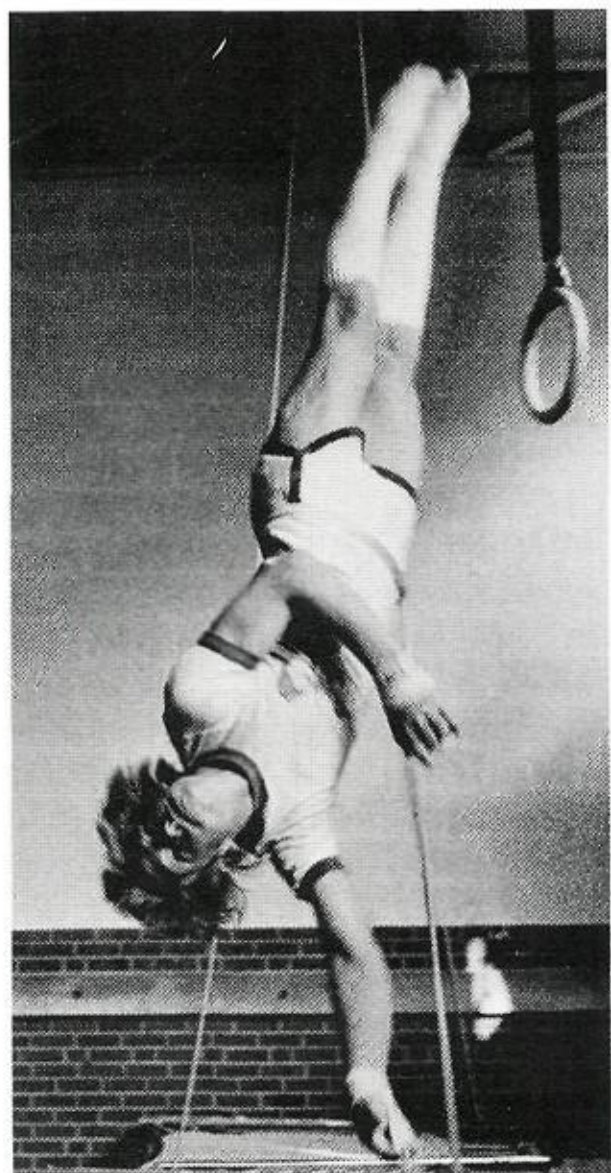
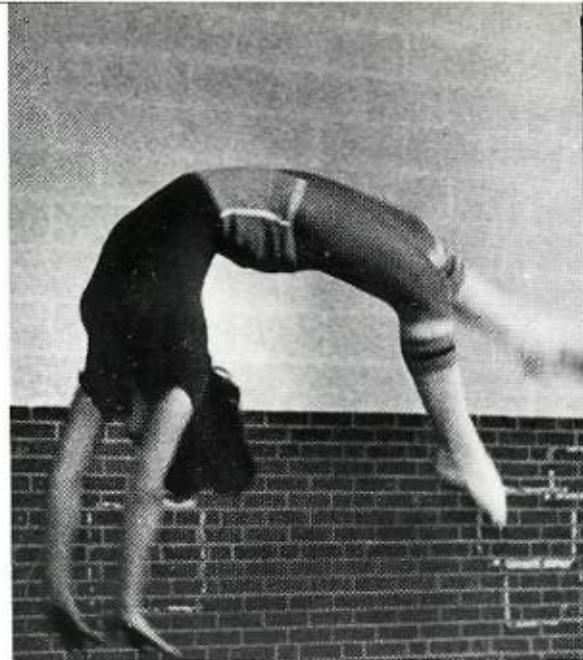
Also supporting the team, swimming coach Miss Beverly Ball gave important instruction and advice in aiding the team to victory.



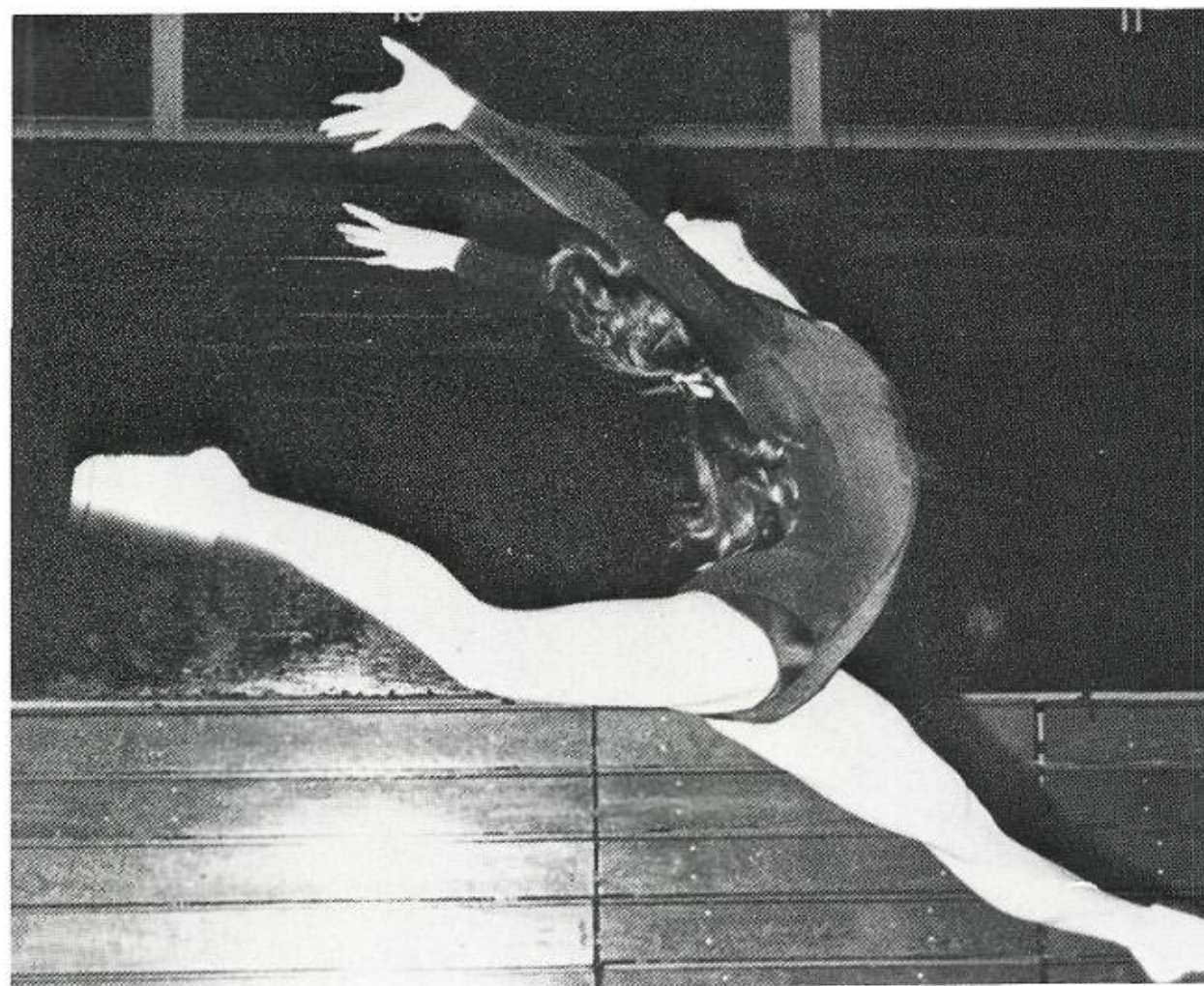
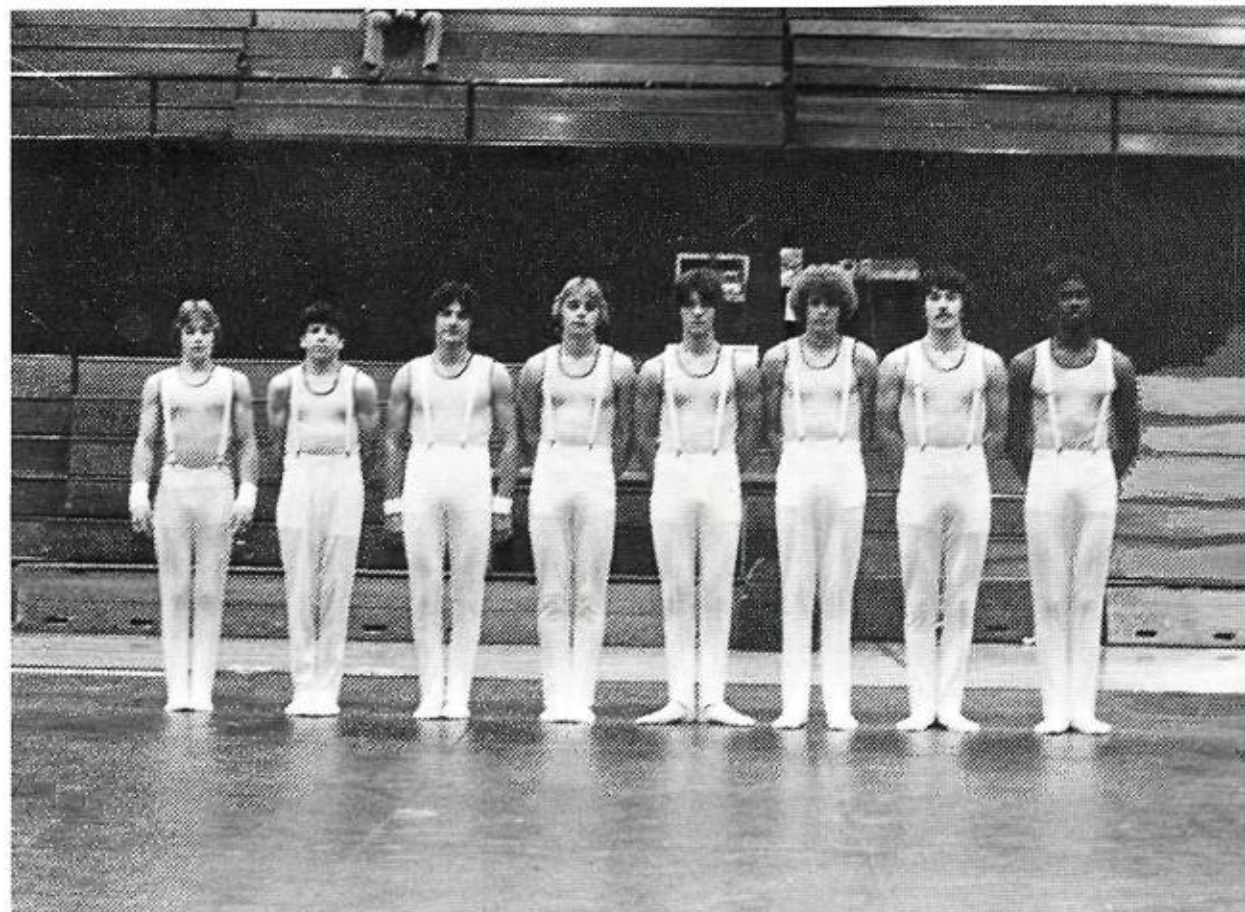
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1. During a compulsory routine on bars, Barbara Abels begins a front hip circle.
2. In an exciting display of talent on the beam, Jeanette Fuller leaves the beam while performing a back handspring.
3. Practicing a hip on the bars, Melodi Dalrymple prepares for state competition.
4. All-around competitor Mark Oates demonstrates the technique involved in a full twisting flip dismount from the rings.
5. *Men's Gymnastics Team.* Mark Oates, Keith Hardwicke, Mark Caffey, Terry Houlihan, Marty Farmer, Gerry Fields, Nelson Coates, Michael Balanciere.
6. *Women's Gymnastics Team.* Coach Sam Seidel, Melodi Dalrymple, Jan Simmons, Donna Schreiber, Trena Hollums, Kathi Otto, Debbie Borcik, Barbara Abels, Kathleen Cosby, Kila Smith, Jeanette Fuller.
7. As one of three seniors on the team, Trena Hollums gets off to a leaping start.
8. Pressing a handstand is just one of the impressive tricks Keith Hardwicke performs.
9. While competing on floor, Donna Schreiber displays the style that makes routines unique.



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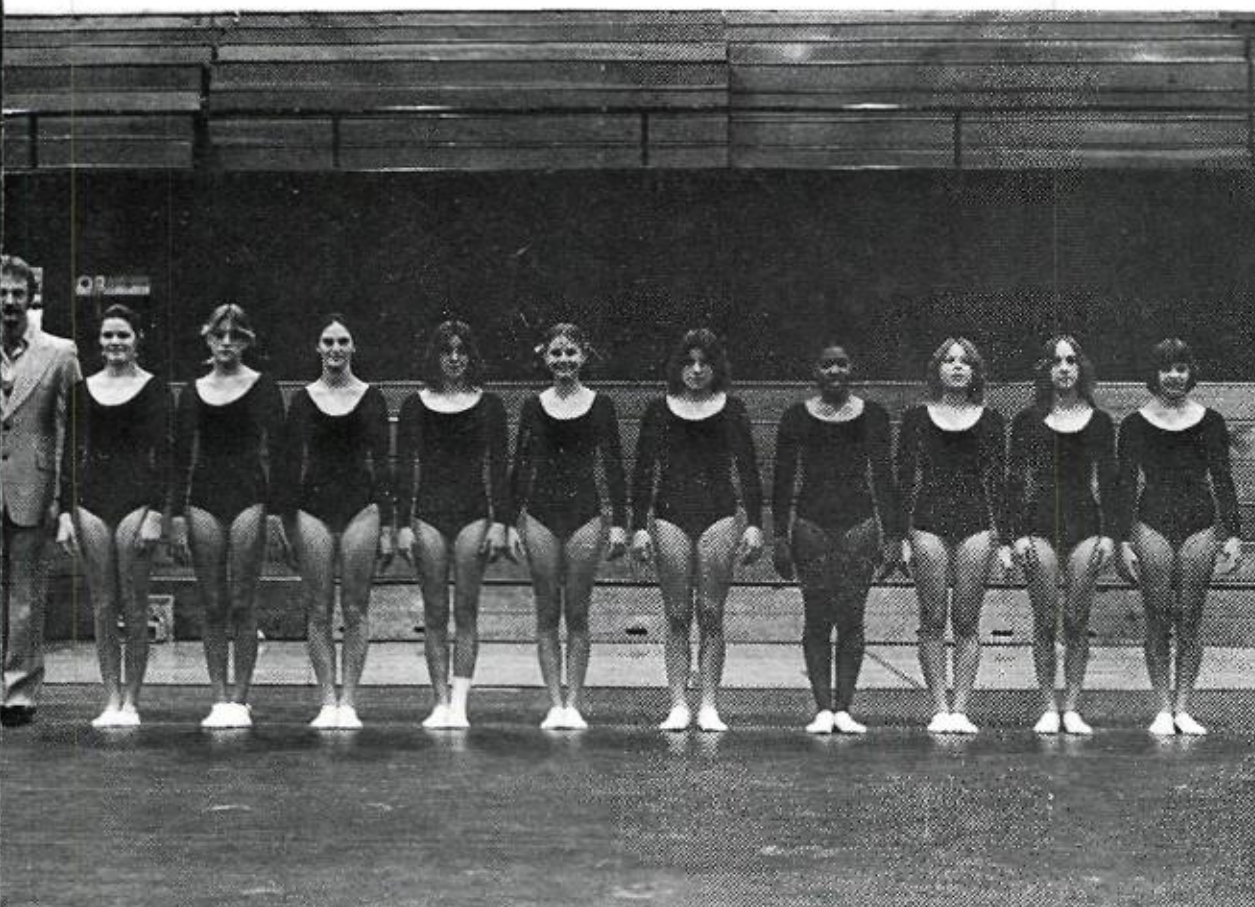
Gymnasts flip final tally to great finale

An outstanding third year of gymnastics at Abilene High began with a problem common among many high school sports. After two successful years of competition, over half of the varsity team members graduated, leaving a reputation of excellent gymnastics. Fortunately several sophomores such as Mark Oates and Jeanette Fuller stepped in to fill the vacancies.

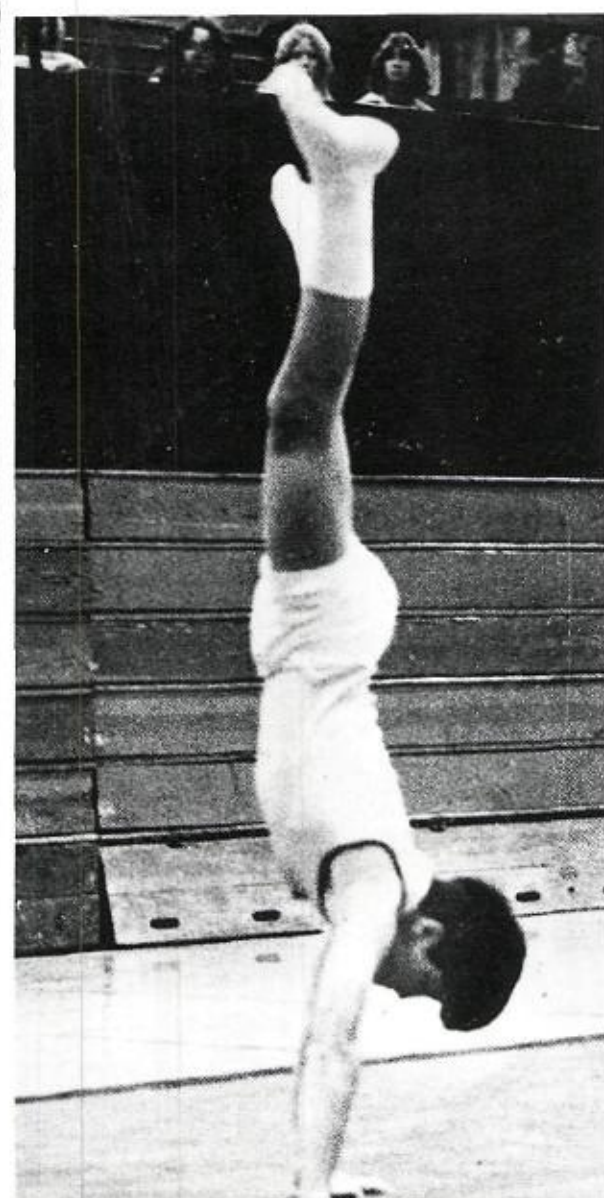
Under the direction of Coach Sam Seidel, the gymnasts began daily workouts during the summer in preparation for an exciting year of competition. Each gymnast strove to learn difficult tricks in an effort to create flawless and original routines. After optional routines were mastered, there were compulsory routines, sets of tricks required by the state, for each gymnast to learn on each piece of apparatus. Women gymnasts prepared for competition on the balance beam, the uneven bars, vaulting and in floor exercise. The high bar, parallel bars, rings, vault, floor and pommel horse were utilized by the male gymnasts. In each meet, designated all-around gymnasts, Mark Oates, Keith Hardwiche, Jeanette Fuller and Melodi Dalrymple competed on every piece of apparatus.

The season began with a pre-district meet against Sahol of Dallas. Both the mens and womens teams were victorious. District competition began the following week against Odessa Permian. Again both teams came away with wins. The top ten teams in the state were invited to the LD Bell Invitational in Dallas. During the competition, Abilene High's teams placed in the top five. After slaughtering Midland High School, the Eagle gymnasts met Odessa High in AHS gym. The women lost by only 4 points to the Broncos, last year's state champions. A victory was awarded to the men as they easily outscored Odessa. After a narrow defeat by San Angelo Central, the men and women continued to meet their frenzied competition schedule with a dual meet against Midland Lee. Both teams were victorious.

The Cooper Cougars remained the last hurdle for the Eagles before advancing to the district meet. A heartbreaking outcome revealed a defeated Eagle team, but the real test of strength, endurance and gymnastic ability remained in district, regional and finally, state competition.



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After school workout bedlam still beneficial

"Block up! Block up!" "Girls move to beam!" "Yes ma'am!" "I want to see routines." "The bars weren't set, Coach." "I need a spot on high bar." "Hey, Nelson, watch this!"

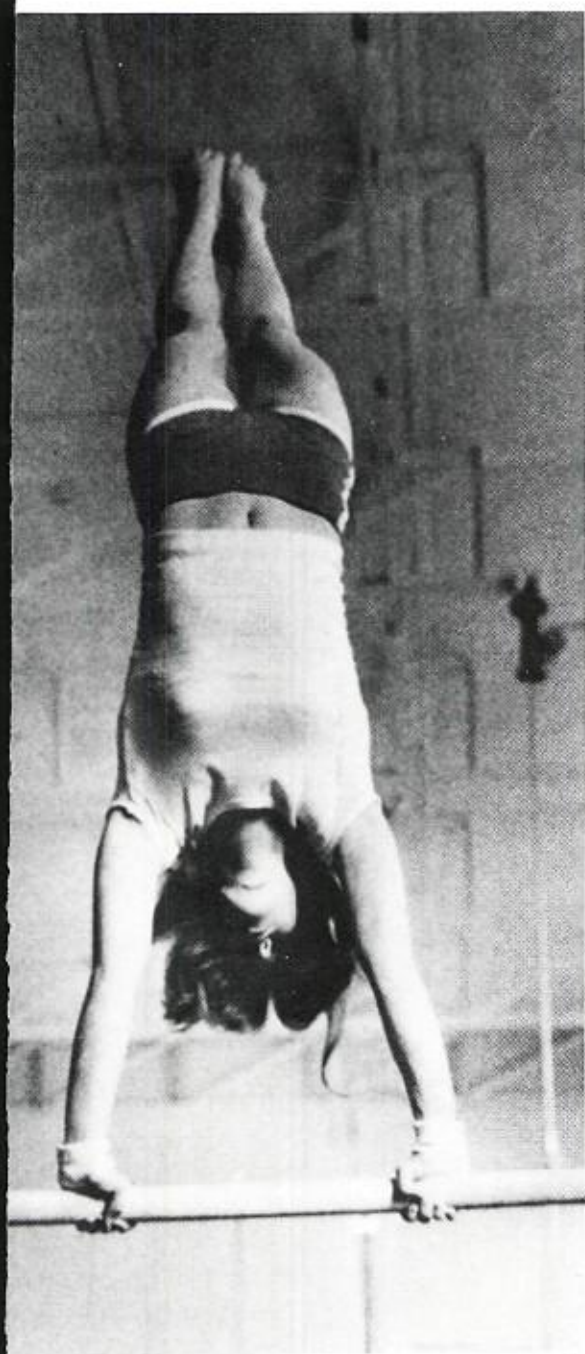
If the opportunity to watch the gymnastics team was taken, these sounds would be quite familiar. Each afternoon after coaching classes all day, Coach Sam Seidel directed the varsity gymnastics in preparation for their competition in spring. The team spent fourth period vaulting and perfecting floor routines and then returned after school to design intriguing maneuvers on each piece of apparatus.

In order to be eligible for competition, the Eagle gymnasts learned a required sequence of tricks for the compulsory routines. The men's and women's teams rotated from event to event during workouts, spending an intense thirty minutes at each station. Usually an observer would notice chalk and tape flying in the midst of the flurry of activity in the confined quarters of the Abilene High gymnastics gym. Coach Seidel moved from station to station, spotting new tricks, judging and critiquing old routines and giving pointers where needed.

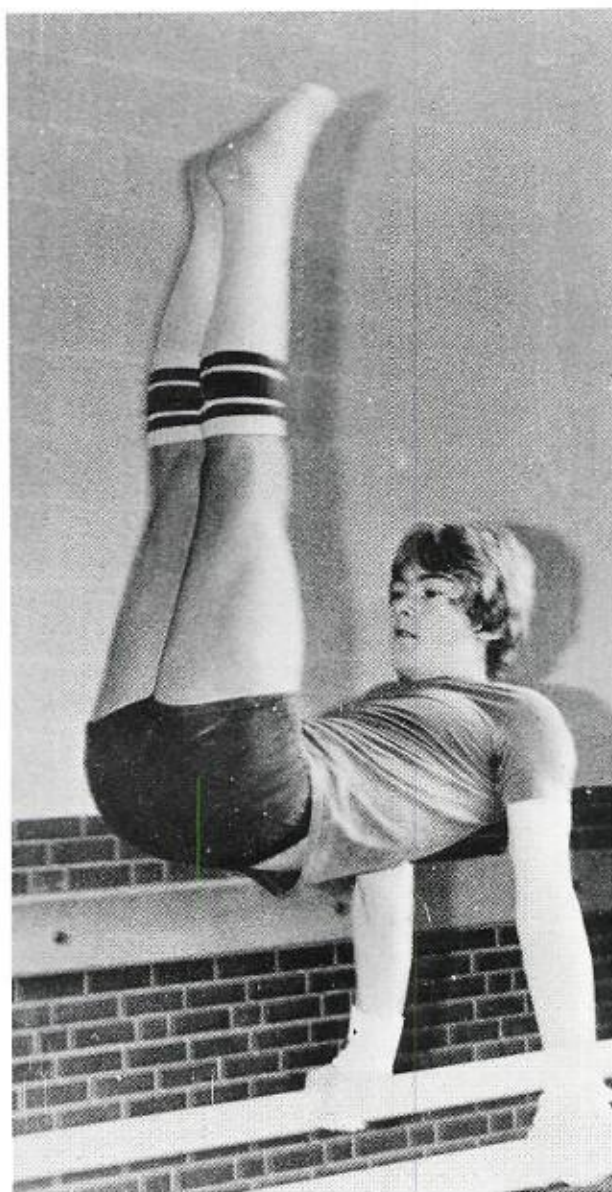
Exerting tremendous effort in workouts and competition, the Eagle gymnastics team advanced toward the state meet and achieved remarkable scores in both dual meets, district and regional competition.



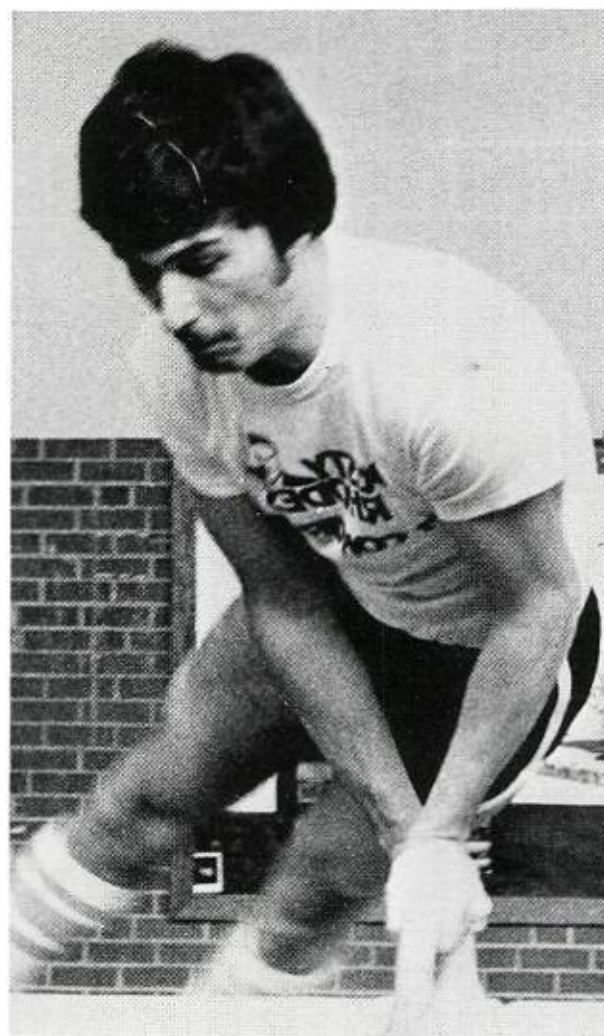
Varsity Gymnastics		
Opponent	AHS	
Sokol		
Men 89.1	119.20	
Women Forfeit	91.00	
Odessa Permian		
Men 92.0	114.90	
Women 88.7	93.90	
Bell Invitational		
Men	6th of 10	
Women	5th of 10	
Midland High		
Men 69.10	157.55	
Women 93.00	95.65	
Odessa High		
Men 96.85	114.80	
Women 89.30	86.20	
San Angelo Central		
Men 153.80	148.50	
Women 105.00	101.90	
Midland Lee		
Men 63.85	155.25	
Women 86.25	93.45	
Cooper		
Men 164.15	150.45	
Women 100.2	99.60	
	WINS	LOSSES
Men	5	2
Women	4	3



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1. Carefully balancing on the beam, all-around gymnast Jeanette Fuller shows off with a one arm handstand.
2. A handstand on bars, not often seen in high school routines, is excuted flawlessly by Trena Hollums.
3. As a sophomore all-rounder, Mark Oates shows his advanced ability on the parallel bars.
4. Pommel horse specialist Nelson Coates begins a "travel down" while working on his optional routine.
5. During workouts, Kila Smith demonstrates the use of proper form in her beam routine.
6. Practicing the compulsory stoop vault, Michael Balanciere concentrates on the proper vaulting technique.
7. Performing one of his many tasks, Coach Seidel spots Jeanette Fuller on a full twisting back flip on the floor.
8. Sophomore gymnast Kathleen Cosby displays graceful arm positions during beam composition.

INTRAMURALS

Football

Team	Place
Miss Brister	1st
Mr. Tittle	2nd
Mr. Lana	3rd
ROTC	4th

Basketball

Mr. Esman	1st
Mr. Smith	2nd
Mr. Abernathy	3rd
ROTC	4th

Softball

Mr. Abernathy	1st
Faculty Fossils	2nd
ROTC	3rd
Mr. Esman	4th

1. Running from Allan Donnell, a defender, is Mark Hudson an AHS sophomore.
2. As Greg Hodges looks on, Ken Jones shoots the basketball anticipating its contact with the inside of the net.
3. Scrambling for the ball are members of Mr. Abernathy's and Mrs. Hunter's girls intramural basketball teams.
4. While David Pritty of ROTC's team scuttles to home plate, Jerry Sardor of Mr. Berry's and Mr. Esman's team prepares to catch the softball.
5. Looking on as Steve Fenner catches the ball, Mr. Abernathy critiques his team.



Faculty fouled out by student intramurals

Students from all over the AHS campus and from almost every class offered by Abilene High were members of various intramural teams for the 1978-'79 school year.

One of the sports from which the AHS students benefited was football. Ten teams participated in the extra curricular activity. Of course only one team won the championship and received the title of victor. The intramural football victors were from Miss Jozell Brister's homeroom class which beat Mr. Bill Tittle's first period drafting class with a score of 42 to 18. Mr. Lee Abernathy's and Mrs. Louise Self's team forfeited to the team comprised of students from Mr. Phillip Lana's, Mr. John Townsend's and from Mr. Steve Perkins' homeroom, thus giving the team a third place rating.

Following the football season was basketball. In this sport, ten teams represented the guys' and three teams represented the girls' of Abilene High.

Mr. Ron Essman's homeroom team was victorious over Mr. Travis Smith's team with a score of 75 to 35, thus they received fifteen intramural points for becoming the

champions of guys' basketball. Mr. Abernathy's class received third place for beating ROTC's team with a score of 35 to 29.

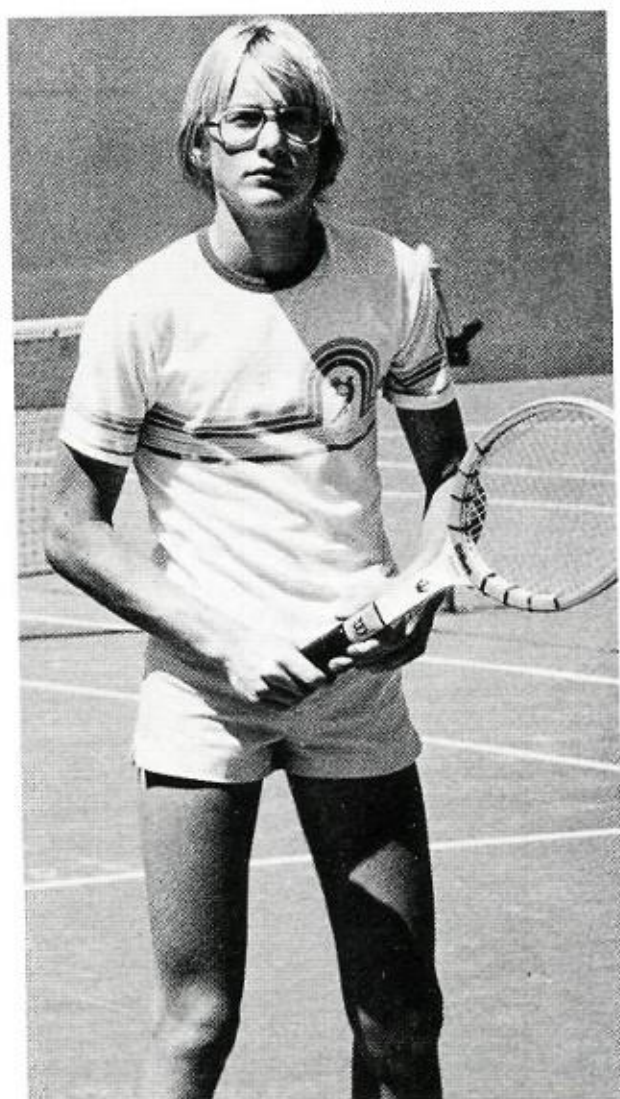
Mrs. Linda Hoefer's team which was made up of AHS cheerleaders were victorious over Mr. Abernathy's girls' team. The final score in the championship meet was 22 to 18. Mrs. Rhonda Hunter's team also met up with Mrs. Hoefer's team again; however the cheerleaders were victorious with a score of 16 to 15. The close score in this game caused the team from Mrs. Hunter's class to receive a second place rating.

To finish the intramural year various classes come together to challenge each other in slow-pitch softball. Participating in the fast moving sport were four teams. Taking first place was Mr. Abernathy's class; the Faculty Fossils placed second; receiving a third place rating was ROTC and catching fourth place was a combination of Mr. Esman's and Mr. Berry's homeroom's.

Mr. George Forkerway, an Eagle health teacher and coach, was also in charge of all the intramural events of the Eagle campus.



1. Looking ahead while smashing the defenseless ball is Eagle senior Rose Gonzales.
2. Executing his backhand during practice is Eagle sophomore Alan Smith.
3. Gracefully strutting onto the court while preparing to serve the ball to his opponent is Joe Reyes.
4. Preparing himself for an upcoming match, Bill Parker practices volleys against the wall.
5. Retriving a Rondo, Reggie James takes a break from a heated tennis match.
6. *AHS Varsity Tennis Team*. FRONT ROW: Pam Davidson, Jackie Flores, Stomi Janeway, Pat Gonzales. SECOND ROW: Joe Reyes, Thad Decker, Coach Jerry Ticer, Reggie James, Shawn Howe, Sondra Albright. THIRD ROW: Alan Smith, Todd Honeycutt, Jay Fry, Chris Bergman, Kenny Smith, and Rose Gonzalez. BACK ROW: Bill Parker, Randel Bradshaw, Kevin Almaguer, Johnny Barrera, James Pouge.
7. Eagle sophomore Alan Smith eyes the ball while preparing to place it back over the net.





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Tennis team young but loaded with spirit

With a few of the 1977-'78 starters and lettermen returning, such as Reggie James, Allan Smith, Thad Decker and Pam Davidson, the Abilene High School tennis team had a season in which the matches won balanced out the number of matches lost.

Led by Mr. Jerry Ticer for the previous two years, the team worked out seventh period every school day from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Starting workouts with conditioning drills and then leading into cross court drills, they finished workouts with matches against each other.

The team was young and inexperienced but showed great team support. The morale of the AHS tennis team was as high as possible for the 1978-'79 season.

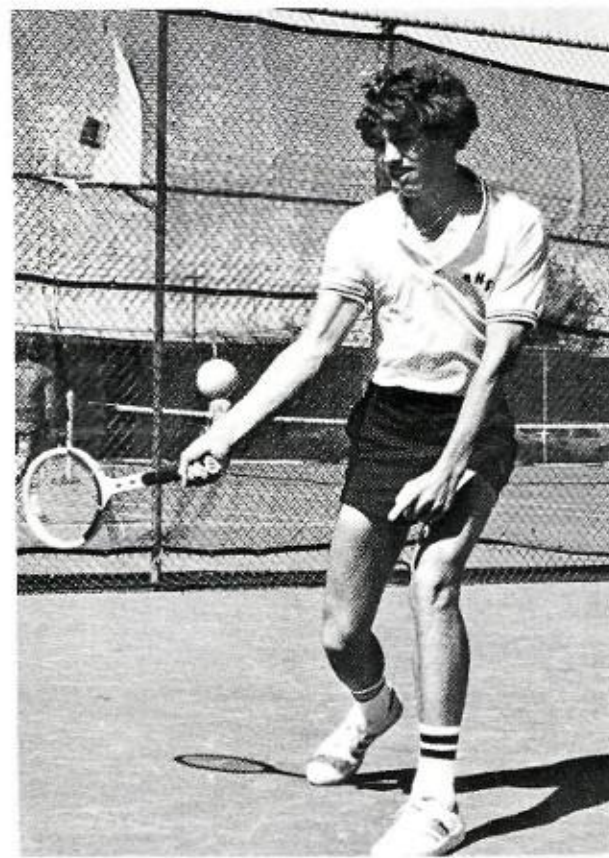
Getting publicity and experience for the upcoming freshmen, the team invited the future players to workout after season with the members already playing on the tennis team.

The AHS tennis team looked forward to having some district qualifiers since no one qualified for district during the 1978 season.

The 1979 tennis team deserved a special "job well done" for the victories they brought AHS in tennis.



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1. Last minute instructions are given to Jake Lomas by Coach Lefty Cleveland.

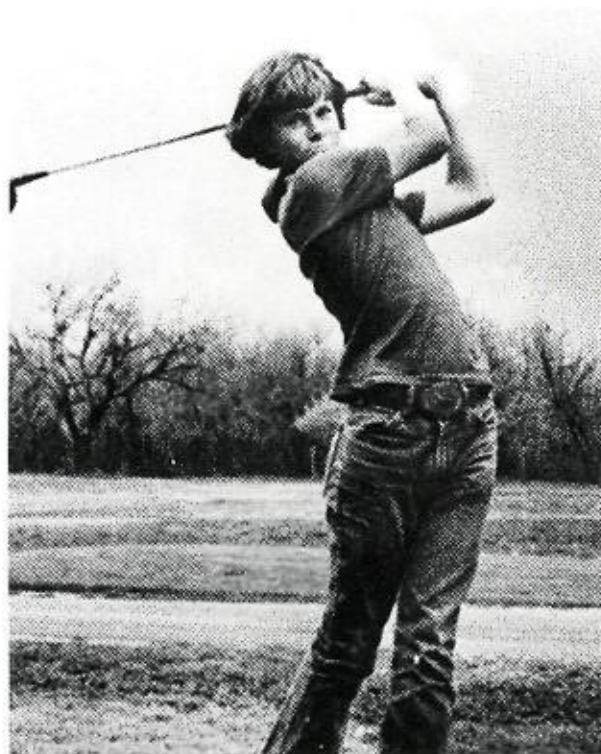
2. *Golf team.* FIRST ROW: John Breckeen, Jake Lomas, Buck Whitehead, Glen Ritter, Rusty Bridges. SECOND ROW: Bobby Villareal, Phil Watson, Victor Villareal, Don Henry, Coach Lefty Cleveland, Chris Haynes.

3. Follow through is an important part of a good swing, as exemplified by Rusty Bridges.

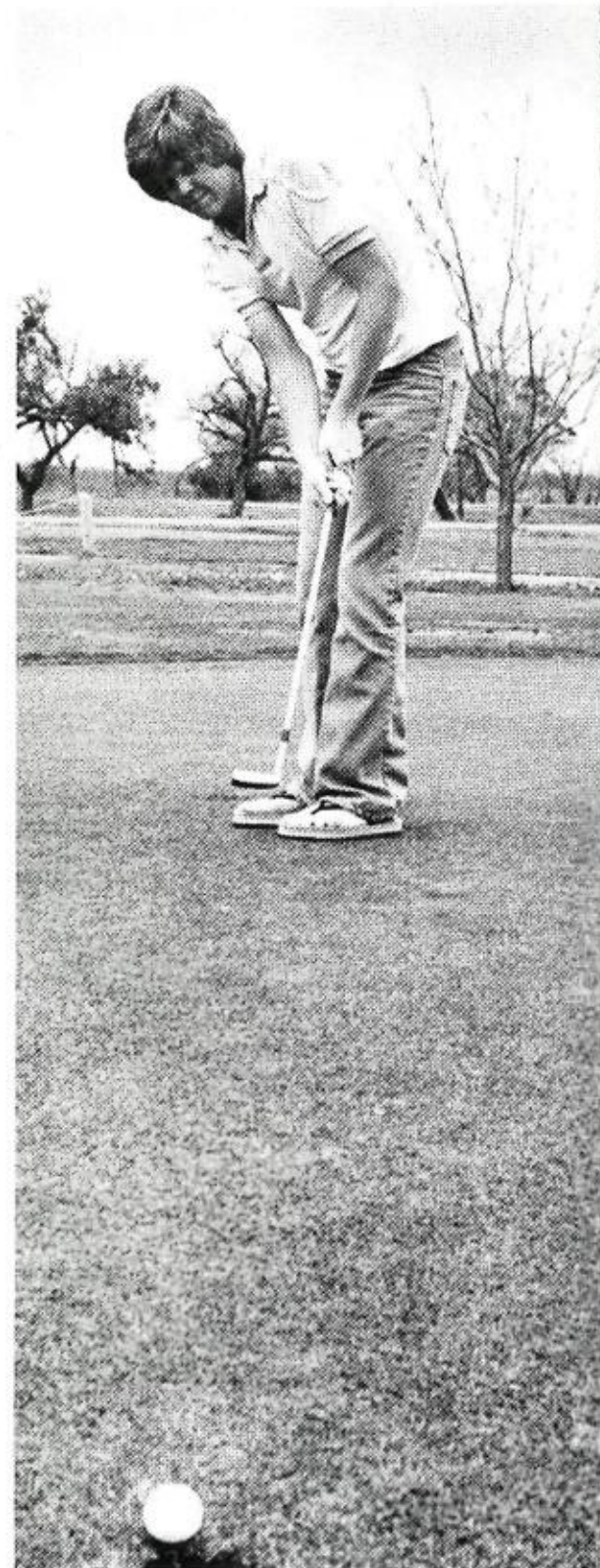
4. Skill and a little luck aid Don Henry in hitting a long putt.

5. Positioning his shot, Phil Watson lines up with the green.

6. Frustration shows on the face of Victor Villareal after he misses a shot.



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GOLF

TOURNAMENT	PLACE
San Angelo	9 of 18
Sweetwater	2 of 21
Odessa	11 of 18
Del Rio	8 of 14
San Angelo*	4 of 8
Abilene*	6 of 8
Big Spring*	8 of 8
Midland*	8 of 8
Odessa*	6 of 8

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TOURNAMENTS

Determination helps golf team in 1978-'79

Ending its 1979 season with a sixth place finish at the district match in Odessa, Coach Lefty Cleveland's golf team averaged seventh place in all their tournaments, including invitationals and district tournaments. Their highest rating was at the Sweetwater Invitationals where they placed second out of twenty-one teams.

The team worked out for about two to three hours every day, when the weather permitted, at the Abilene Municipal Golf Course. During workouts, Coach Cleveland and the men worked on all the fundamentals of the game. They increased their skills in putting, driving, fairway shooting, and even choosing the right clubs. All these exercises apparently aided the team on getting along as far as they did.

One standout among the golfers was senior Victor Villareal, who ended the season as second medalist in district and advanced to regional competition. The 1980 season was hoped to be as good or even better.

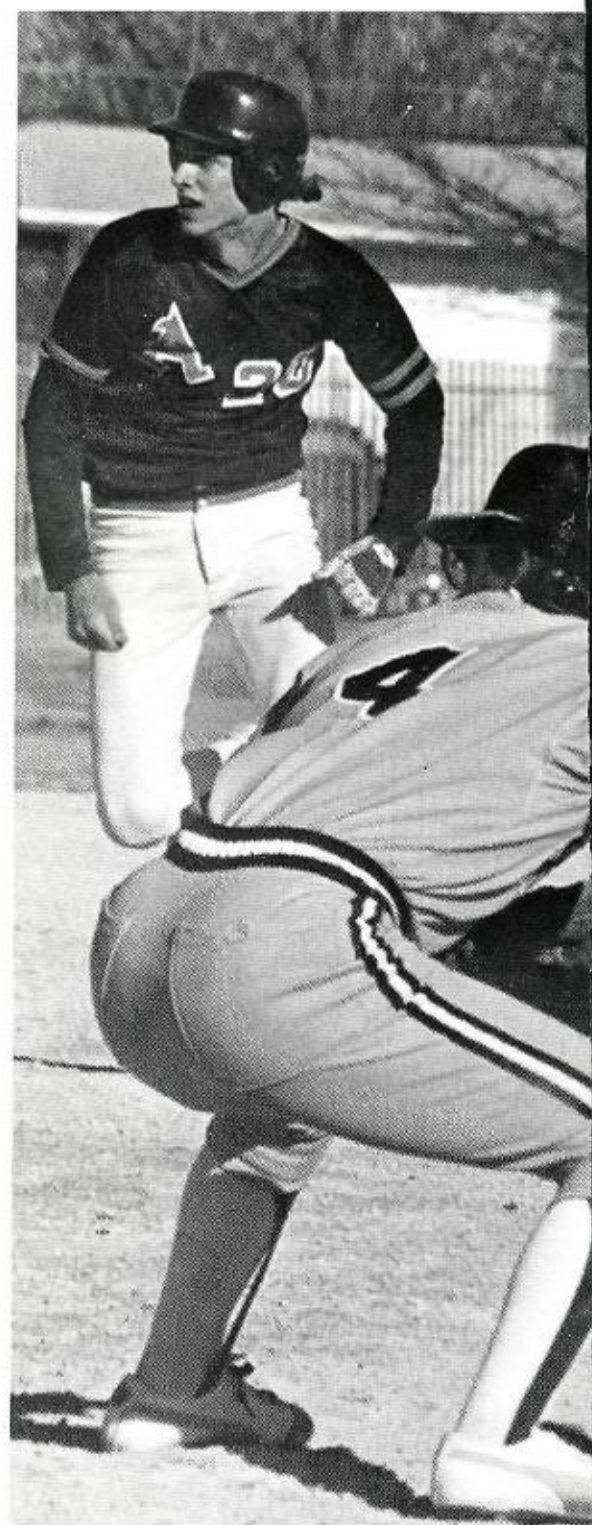


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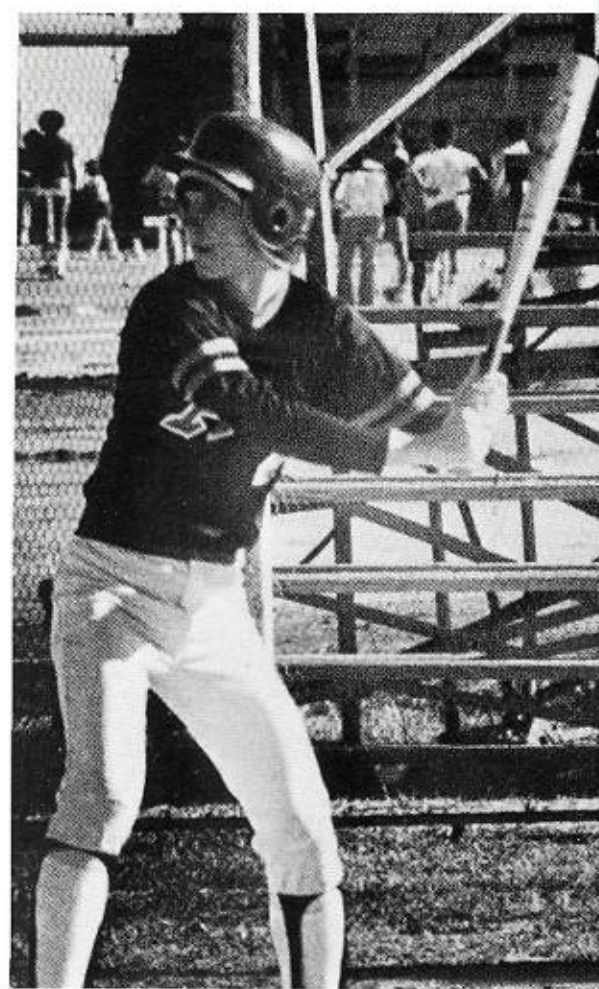
1. Warming up his arm before a home game is Ricky Stokes.
2. Running between second and third bases and eyeing homeplate is AHS senior Mitch Gassaway.
3. A few moments before the pitch Ross Sparks loosens himself up by going through the motions involved in batting.
4. Perfect poise is shown by an AHS sophomore Mike Harrel while looking intently at the oncoming pitch.
5. Sliding into third base just before being pronounced safe by the line judge is junior Gary Drew.



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Young team benefits from hard schedule

Several excellent teams faced the Eagles in 5-AAAA pre-season baseball play. These teams, largely from central and western Texas, added to the team's all around quality by providing challenging competition.

Practice officially began on the first day of February. Getting in shape, developing strategy and teamwork were all a part of this. Coach Tommy Blair, head baseball coach for the fifth year, said that one of the greatest problems encountered in pre-season resulted from having a young team. Playing a tough schedule was one of the tactics used to help the team's experience.

Even with the home field advantage, the Eagles lost their first two games to W. T. White of Dallas and Lubbock Coronado with scores of 12-1 and 9-1 respectively. On the following Friday, the Warbirds pulled a win out of the hat with a score of 8-7 over the Kimball Knights of Dallas.

During the four games following, the Eagles were defeated but with much closer margins than were evident in the first two scrimmages. Towards the end of pre-season, the Eagles began to soar upward. This was evident in the Eagles' final game of pre-season where they defeated the highly successful junior varsity team of Ranger Junior College by a score of 11-9 at Blackburn Field. Coach Blair said that the Eagles would have a better season than was predicted by their 2 and 6 pre-season record since they had learned some valuable lessons during their rough schedule against some excellent Texas teams.



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1. Flashing a smile of satisfaction, Pete Acosta walks away from home plate after scoring a run for the Eagles.

2. Batting star, Mike Blackwell runs home carefree and easy after hitting a homerun.

3. Running to home, Mike Blackwell scores yet another run for the Eagles.

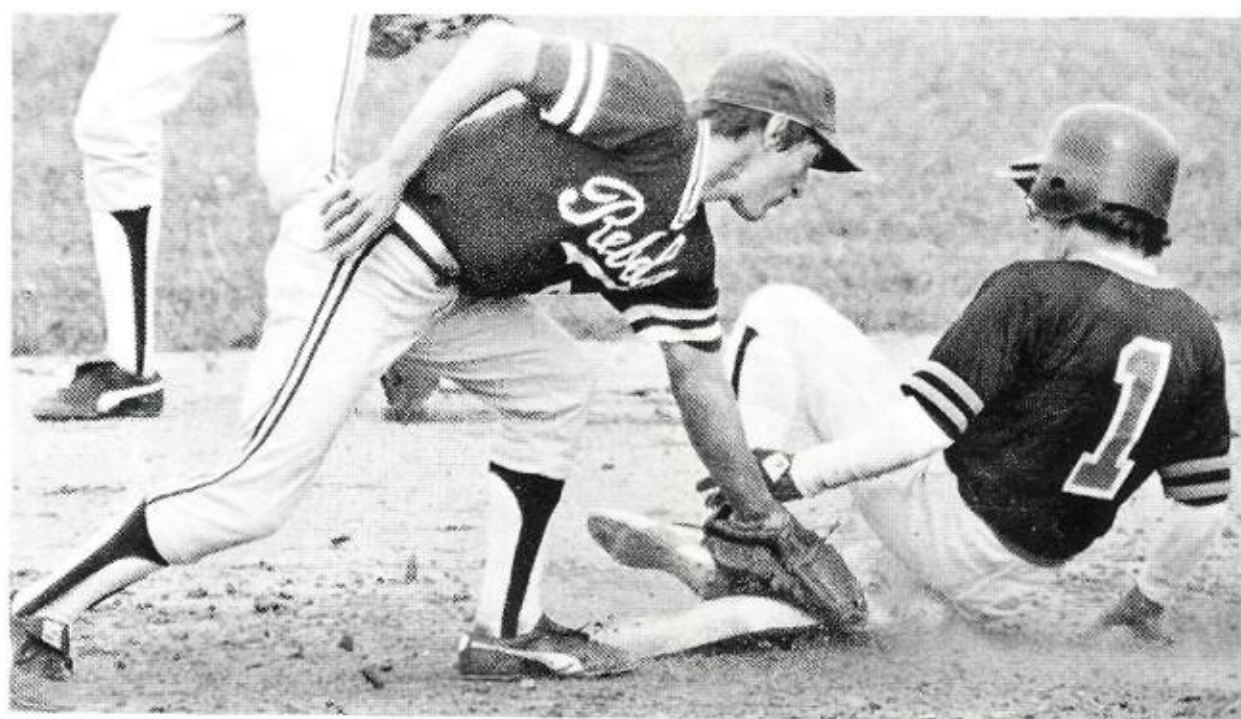
3. Running to home, Mike Blackwell scores yet another run for the Eagles.

4. Varsity baseball coach, Tommy Blair takes time out to indulge in his favorite sport.

5. Barely making it, Mike Blackwell slides to base against the Rebels.

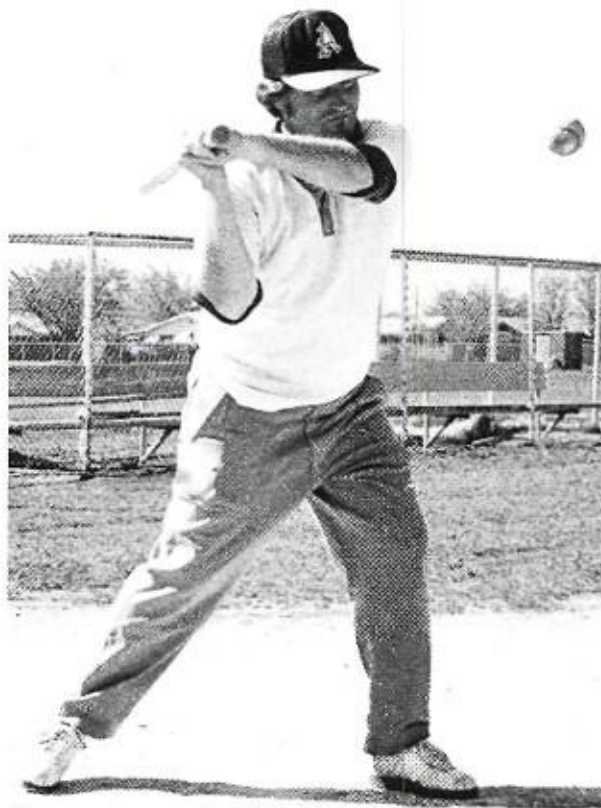
6. *Varsity Baseball* FRONT ROW: Mike Blackwell, Mitch Gassaway, Pete Acosta, Gary Drew. SECOND ROW: Fred Johnson, Henry Loza, James De LaCruz, Bobby Oles. BACK ROW: Mac Rogers, Mike Harrell, Ricky Stokes, Ed Loche, Brian Stout, Mike Ogden, Seth Smith, Pat Stokes, Roymond Romero, Derric Caballero.

7. Cooper catcher, Bobby Mize seems to disagree with the safe call as Mike Ogden slides into home plate.





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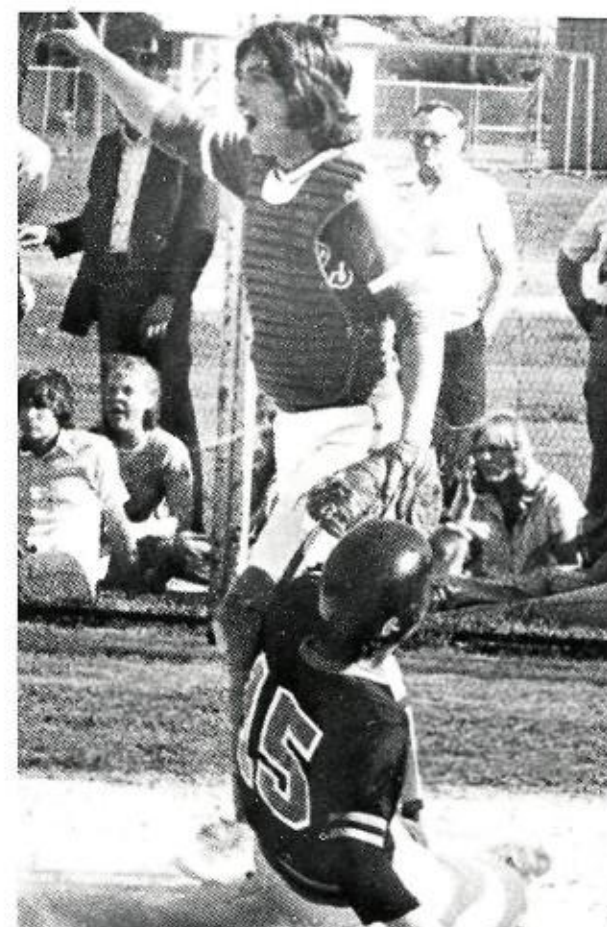
Forecasters forlorn

Amid the shouts and cheers of encouragement, the Abilene High varsity baseball team finished up a spectacular first half of district play. Feelings of excitement and anticipation were never lacking on the Eagle bench at the beginning of every game. They exhibited exemplary sportsmanship both on and off the field in their quest to capture the district title. The team, originally ranked seventh at the beginning of the season, surprised the critics and would-be prognosticators by ending the first half occupying a well earned second place.

The first district game played against Big Spring was a breeze for the Eagles as was the following game against Permian. The Eagles got their first workout and real competition against Midland High. The team displayed strength and agility which had aided them earlier in the season. The Bulldogs narrowly edged by the Eagles. However, this slump could not keep the warbirds down. They went on to victory against San Angelo, Odessa High and Midland Lee. The Cooper Cougars broke the Eagle's three game winning streak by a slight margin. The tense game with Cooper ended with the Eagles ranked second in the first half of district competition.

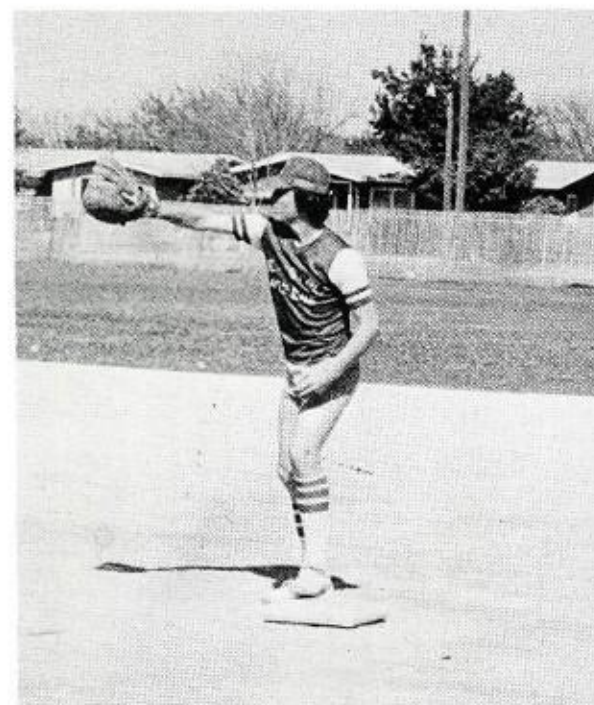


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1. Manning the collection point for Wichita Falls relief fund, KRBC disc jockeys Jim Hayes, Jay Franks, and Scott Hensley help out the Eagle baseball team.
2. Anxiously eyeing his solid drive, Mike Blackwell begins his sprint to first base.
3. Diving toward base, Raymond Romero makes an all out effort to steal third.
4. Relief is written on the face of Coach Tommy Blair after winning an exciting game over San Angelo.
5. Workouts during season keep first baseman Michael Ogden occupied on the diamond.
6. Making a solid connection, Mike Ogden follows through his swing during the tense Midland Lee game.





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Blackburn field scene of district excitement

In an undeniably exciting second half, the Eagles burst forth with a devastating blow to Big Spring capturing a 12-7 win. The Warbirds continued on to meet Odessa Permain in Odessa only to succumb in the final minutes of the game. Midland High and Odessa High both managed to play on Abilene High's disadvantage of the previous loss and downed the Eagles in two heart-breaking games, 3-1 and 2-1 respectively.

Fortunately, the team pulled together in an effort led by Mike Blackwell, club-leading batter with a .433 batting average. San Angelo Central fell to the battering blows of the Eagles in an exciting round of innings in which the Warbirds gained a 10-2 victory. The Warbirds continued to burn up the diamond in the exciting Midland Lee game that followed. With the season coming to a close, the young team, largely composed of underclassmen, faced Cooper in Cougar territory. Unable to pull more than one run away from the Cougars, the mighty Warbirds came in for a landing behind the Cougar's three runs. Faced with an exciting and promising future, the Eagle team looked forward to the 1979-'80 season with a touch of victory on their talons.

VARSITY BASEBALL

OPPONENT	AHS	
Big Spring	1	5
Odessa Permain	10	22
Midland High	5	3
Odessa High	4	5
San Angelo Central	0	8
Midland Lee	1	6
Cooper	9	8
Big Spring	7	12
Odessa Permain	5	4
Midland High	3	1
Odessa High	8	1
San Angelo Central	2	10
Midland Lee	3	5
Cooper	3	1

Wins 8, Losses 6

Agility and strength aid men's track team

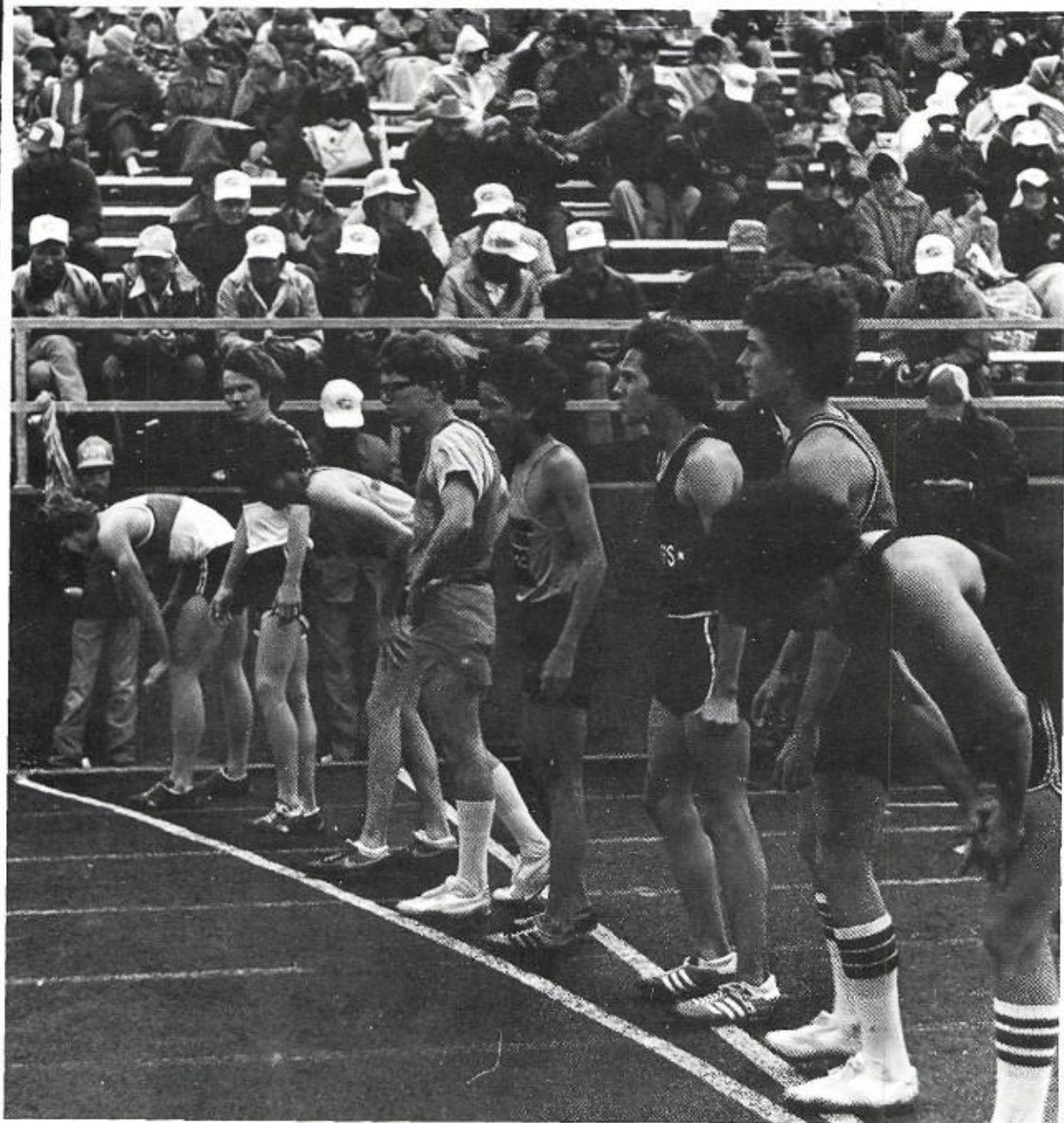
In the first four meets of the 1979 season, Abilene's varsity men's track team did an outstanding job. The team placed second in the Big Country Relays, fourth in the Lubbock Invitational Tournament, fifth in the Temple Invitational and first in the Brownwood meet.

There were several standouts. For example, senior Monte Hamilton set a new pole vault record in Temple with a vault of 14 feet-6 inches. Also in Temple, senior Richard Flores put the shot 54 feet-6 inches. In Brownwood, Flores came in first in discus with a toss of 151 feet-7½ inches. In the high jump, junior David Russell and sophomore Joe Brown each cleared 5 feet-8 inches. Senior Buck Land turned in a 15.4 second high hurdle run, while sophomore Todd James was clocked at 17.4 seconds. The mile relay team turned in a spectacular 3:29.3 performance.

Coach Lyndon Gathwright said that he was pleased with the team's showings, but that the ratings did not really show the team's true output. The invitational represented merely a warm-up for district.

Under Gathwright's supervision, the track team went through several types of workouts. Along with their strenuous off-season training, the team also had several hours of training during the season, including cross-country runs, endurance drills, weight training and calisthenics.





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1. Congratulations are offered by Coach Lyndon Gathright after another Eagle victory at the Bluebonnet Relays.

2. Preparations don't stop at the practice track, as exemplified by the commotion accompanying the Brownwood meet.

3. Along with runners from other 5-AAAA schools, Gary Carter and Tommy Withers walk the track as they prepare for the 100-yard dash.

4. It is lonely at the top, but distance runner Gary Carter doesn't seem to mind as he sprints in the mile run.

5. Acting as observers for a change, Clarence More, Steve Ford, Buck Land, Herbert City and Wesley Gorman watch as their teammates compete.

6. Running neck and neck with other 5-AAAA teams, Clarence Moore hurriedly hands the baton to Steve Stahl in the junior varsity mile relay.



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Warbirds whoop it on Wild West Texas

Led by Mr. Lyndon Gathright, in his second year as an Eagle coach, the 1979 men's track team from AHS pushed through the 5-AAAA district meet, in Big Spring, to surface with an astonishing second place after everything was said and done.

One week prior to the Big Spring meet, the Warbirds met in San Angelo in order to show their ever improving talents and skills. After much endeavor and sweat from the Eagles team, fifth place was awarded them by the judges in the Concho City.

At the Viking relays in Bryan two weeks later, the Abilene High team members were humbled with an eleventh place finish. Only Monty Hamilton, an AHS senior and pole vaulter, set a meet record of 14 feet-9½ inches. In the nerve-tingling contest at Big Spring, he set the district record of 15 feet-4 inches.

Later in April, the Abilene High team went to Regional competition in Lubbock where the Eagles place third all around.

While the other teammates went through their various other events, Hamilton was working in the pole vaulting contest. His efforts proved worthy since he beat all of his opponents. This win gave him a chance to compete in State competition which was held in Austin, proving Abilene High a strong contender among 5-AAAA schools.

MEN'S TRACK

MEET	PLACE
Big Country Relays	2nd
Lubbock Invitational	4th
Possum Kingdom Relays	2nd
Bluebonnet Relays	1st
Wildcat Relays	5th
San Angelo Relays	5th
District 5-AAAA	2nd
Viking Relays	11th
Region 1-AAAA	3rd



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ABILENE EAGLES

1. Positioning himself in the shot-put ring in order to hurl the steel ball is Reggie Fields, an Eagle Senior.

2. Intently eyeing the bar while high jumping is Greg Landry.

3. *AHS track team.* FRONT ROW: Mark Smith, Michael Payne, Joe Rocha, Clarence Moore, Tony Munoz, Bruce Payne, Joe Price. SECOND ROW: Todd James, Doug Fields, Tommy Withers, Greg Carter, Greg Landry, Greg Solomon, Eddy Guillien, Jeff Hagemann, Noe Garcia. THIRD ROW: Joe Brown, Steven Stahl, Steve Ford, Reggie Fields, Danny Conners, Monte Hamilton, Herbert City, Vince Ford, K. D. Morgan, Kinny Joyner, Lon Jones. BACK ROW: Reggie Hunter, Loyal Proffitt, Buck Land, Wesley Gorman, David Russell, Richard Flores.

4. With precision control of mind and body, Greg Solomon stares straight ahead while running the 440 yard dash.

5. Preparing to cross the bar while pole vaulting is Monte Hamilton who competed in state competition in Austin.

6. A few days prior to a meet Buck Land continues building and training himself for one of his events, the hurdle competition.

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Track makes stars for upcoming years

The rebuilding year of 1978 began with grueling workouts, early curfews and strict training programs. This combined with pep-talks and prayers started the Eagle women on the road that all young teams take.

Working almost three hours after school every day, the Eagle team worked out in the freezing drizzle which plagued most of their track meets. The team also gave up their Saturdays to prepare for the stiff competition which faced them.

Early curfews were assigned on Friday nights for the track team. These curfews were given to make sure the team had enough sleep to enable them to play well at the track meets the following day.

Strict training programs were appointed to each member of the team. Some programs consisted of running, jumping hurdles and working with the shot-put each day.

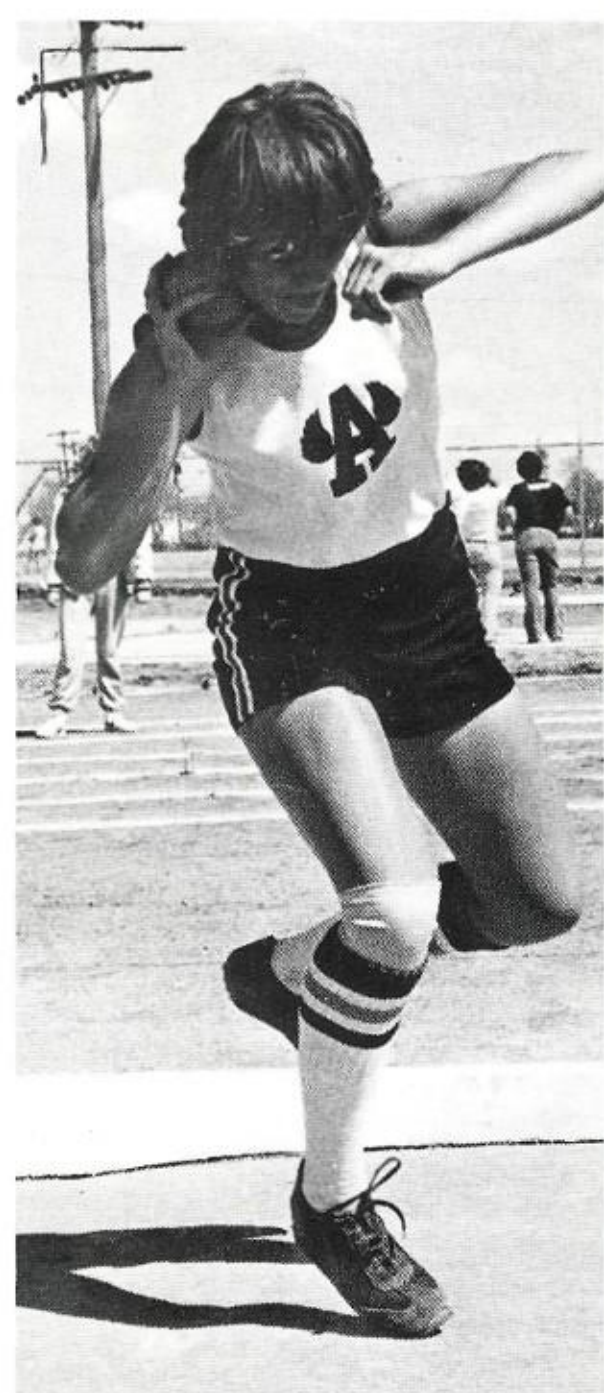
The efforts of the 1978 team did not go unnoticed. The women placed fifth over all at district, giving them strong momentum for the years to come.



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1. Concentrating on her throw, Stacia Blahak hurles the shot-put.
2. Finishing the daily tasks of a manager, Rachel Garza records the times of the incoming sprinters.
3. Straining to perfect her form, Sherry Teeters competes in the Amarillo relays.
4. Clearing the bar, Susan Ogle advances to the finals in the high jump.
5. **WOMEN'S TRACK. FRONT ROW:** Kaye Land, Cecile Scott, Amber Yacono, Gail Searguria, Cynthia Oliver, Kim Pierce, Christie Higgins, Rachel Garza, manager, Jeri Francis, manager. **SECOND ROW:** Gal Foreman, Stacia Blahak, Sherry Teeters, Casandra Jones, Debra Simmons, Karen Pekowski, Jaqui Jones, Sharon Jones, Charlene Newman, Angie McCann, manager. **BACK ROW:** Janet Hindman, Twanna Neal, Cindy Ross, Jackie Francis, Susan Ogle, Kay Korner, Debra Harris, Sharon Walker, Moxie Robinson.
6. Competing in the 880 relay, Jackie Francis passes the baton to Twanna Neal.
7. Limbering up for the events ahead, Kim Pierce prepares for the mile run.
8. Breaking the tape, Karen Pekowski comes in first during the 880 run.

WOMEN'S TRACK

Spur	3rd
Big Spring	4th
Lubbock	5th



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Weightlifters' team whops it with weights

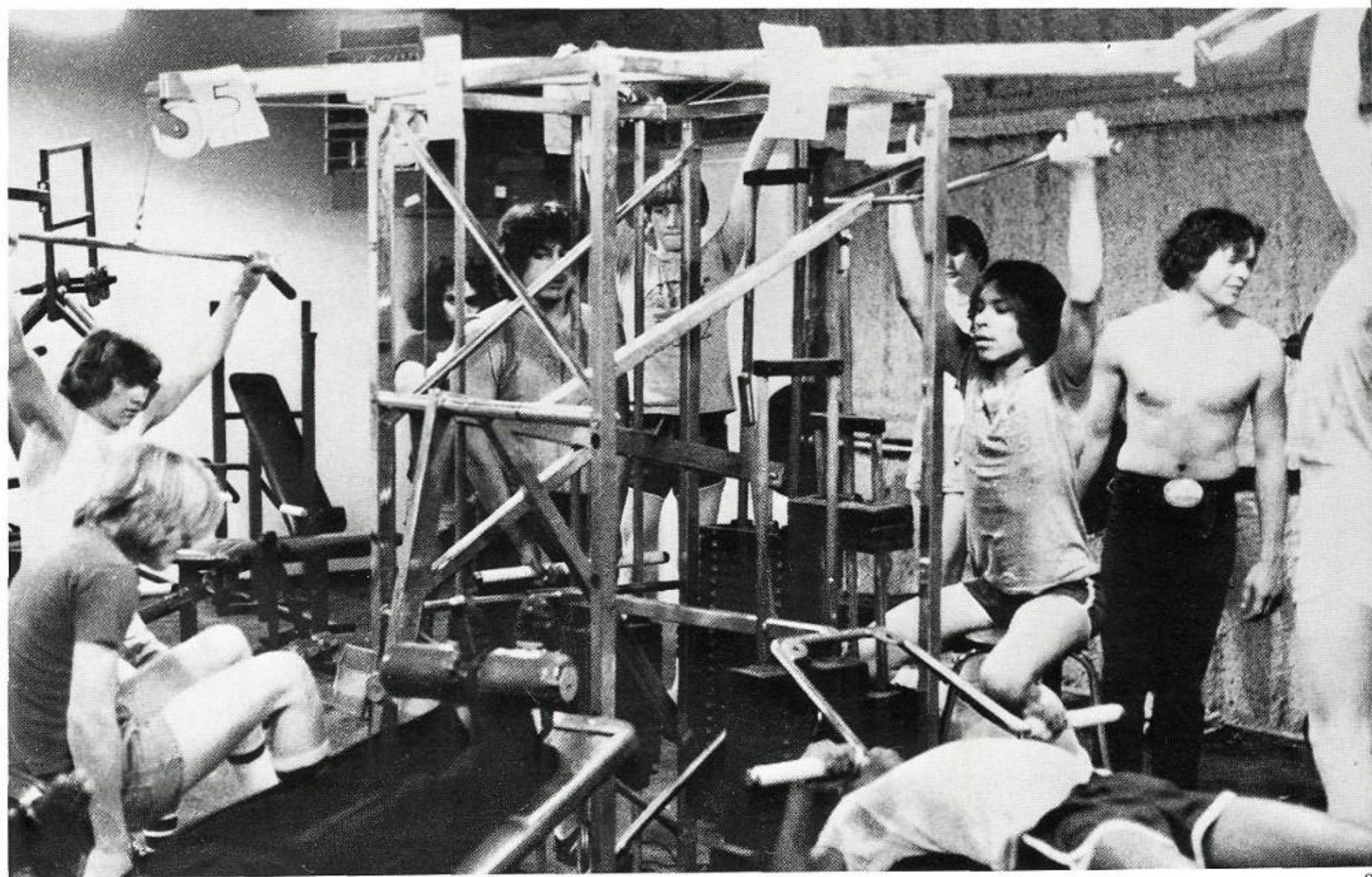
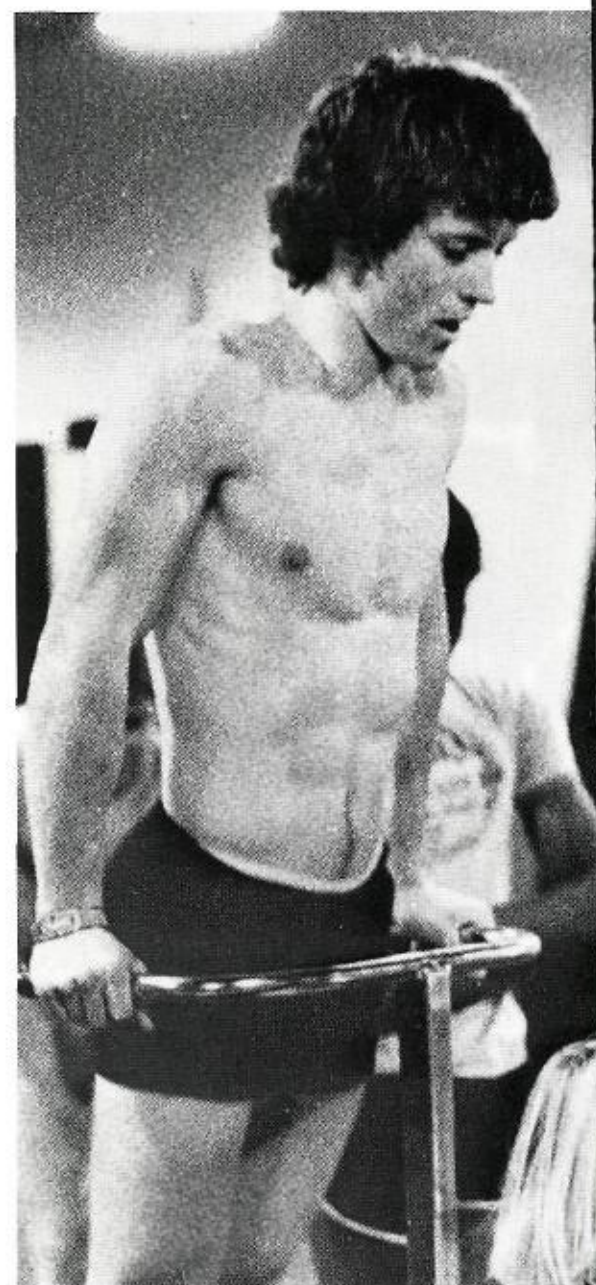
Abilene High might not have had an Alexia to contribute his illustrious talent and prominent stomach, but they were not without their own strongmen, some of whom could lift almost half as much as Alexia could. The strongest man in the world might have been able to lift 600 lbs., but the Abilene High weight-lifting team could lift 18,800 lbs.

They reached this astronomical figure while pounding it out with Cooper in the first ever weight-lifting competition between the two respective high schools. Abilene High won the competition by an unprecedented 645 lb. margin surpassing Cooper which bogged down under the strain but made a decent showing with 18,155 lbs. total. Loyal Eagles who had known all along where the brawn in Abilene really was, were not at all surprised at the outcome. They would not have achieved so much had they not put in several weeks of hard work.

Three weight categories were open for the thirty male AHS students to enter.

Depending upon their physical disposition, they lifted in either the light, middle or heavy-weight categories. Three basic lifts were used in all three categories. They were the bench press, military press and the leg press. Abilene High did not fare too well in the lightweight category but won the military press. They also won the middleweight category by winning the military and leg press in that area. They then went on to win all of the lifts in the heavyweight category. With the weight lifted in each category combined, Abilene High emerged as the overall winner of the competition with Cooper winning only one weight category.

Coach Forkerway, instructor of the weight training class, said that the students had worked for two trimesters in preparation for the competition. Lifting three days a week, they began the year by building their endurance lifting light weights for about three weeks. They soon progressed to heavier weights and began to add the pounds and inches to their bodies.



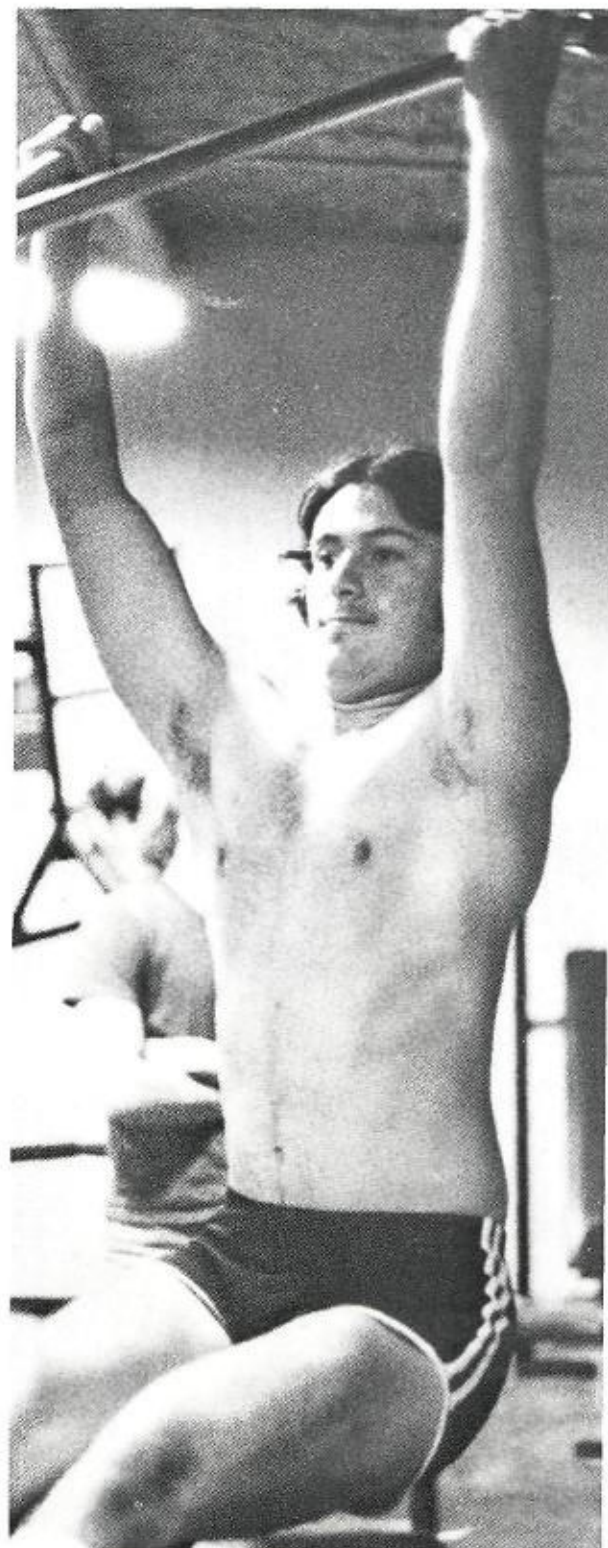


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1. Shouldering his weight, James Hankins overcomes gravitational pull.
2. Straining against the forces of gravity, Jesse Portillo presses the strenuous weights.
3. Modern weigh-training equipment enables many aspiring young students to develop their bodies.
4. Brian Rich, an AHS junior, pulls up the seventy pounds of weights while building his biceps.
5. Concentration on his face, Leo Vasquez hardens his abdominal muscles.

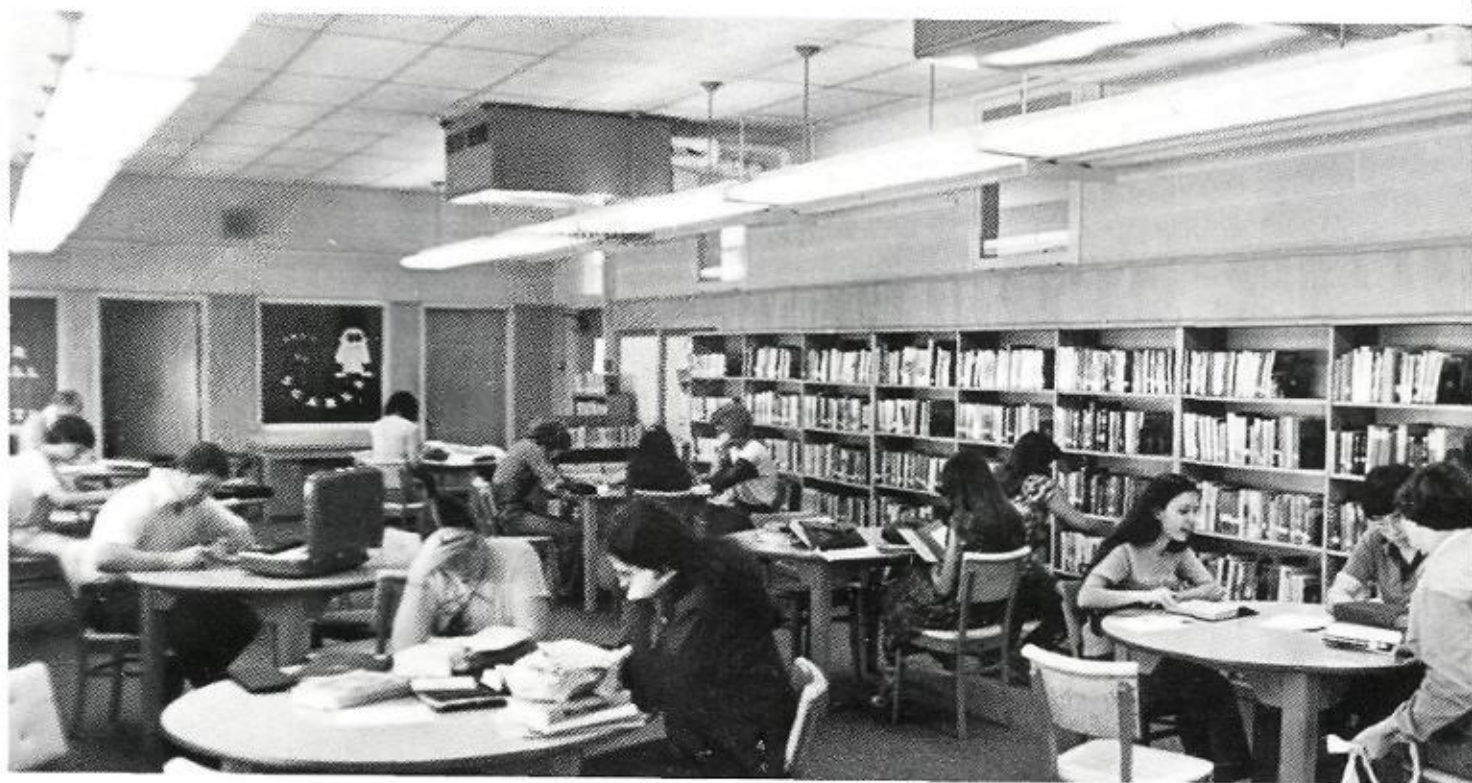


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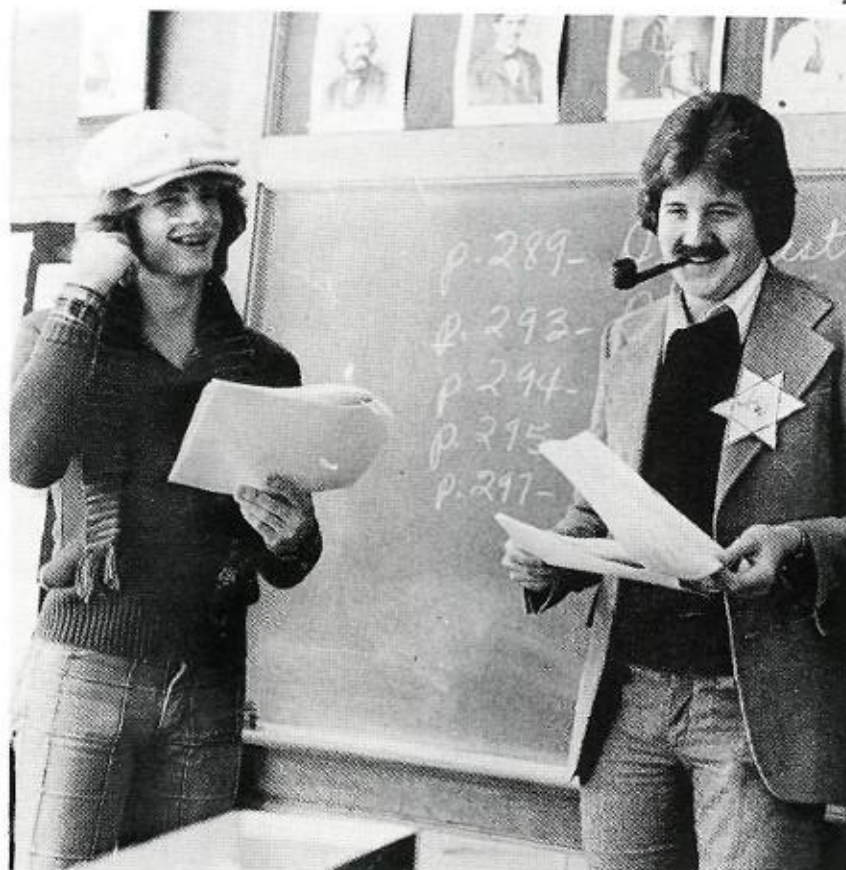


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Classes/Clubs



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Knowledge broadens circles of existence

Abilene High School during the 1978-'79 school year stood divided into many aspects that broadened a student's interests. Yet the basic function for AHS, as for any school, was to teach the knowledge necessary for students to take a responsible spot in society.

The scope of knowledge increased as students and teachers worked together to grasp the basic skills needed for future careers.

Yet, after the basic skills were recognized, accepted and attempted, course offerings expanded to include creative classes wherever scheduling permitted them. Elective classes broke the monotony of routine school, and gave students a chance to ponder the possibilities of life after high school or contemplate the lofty aspects of many elective courses.

As students became more involved in life after high school, those that chose not to attend college were given the variety of vocational classes which were capable of providing insight or teaching skills necessary for desired professions.

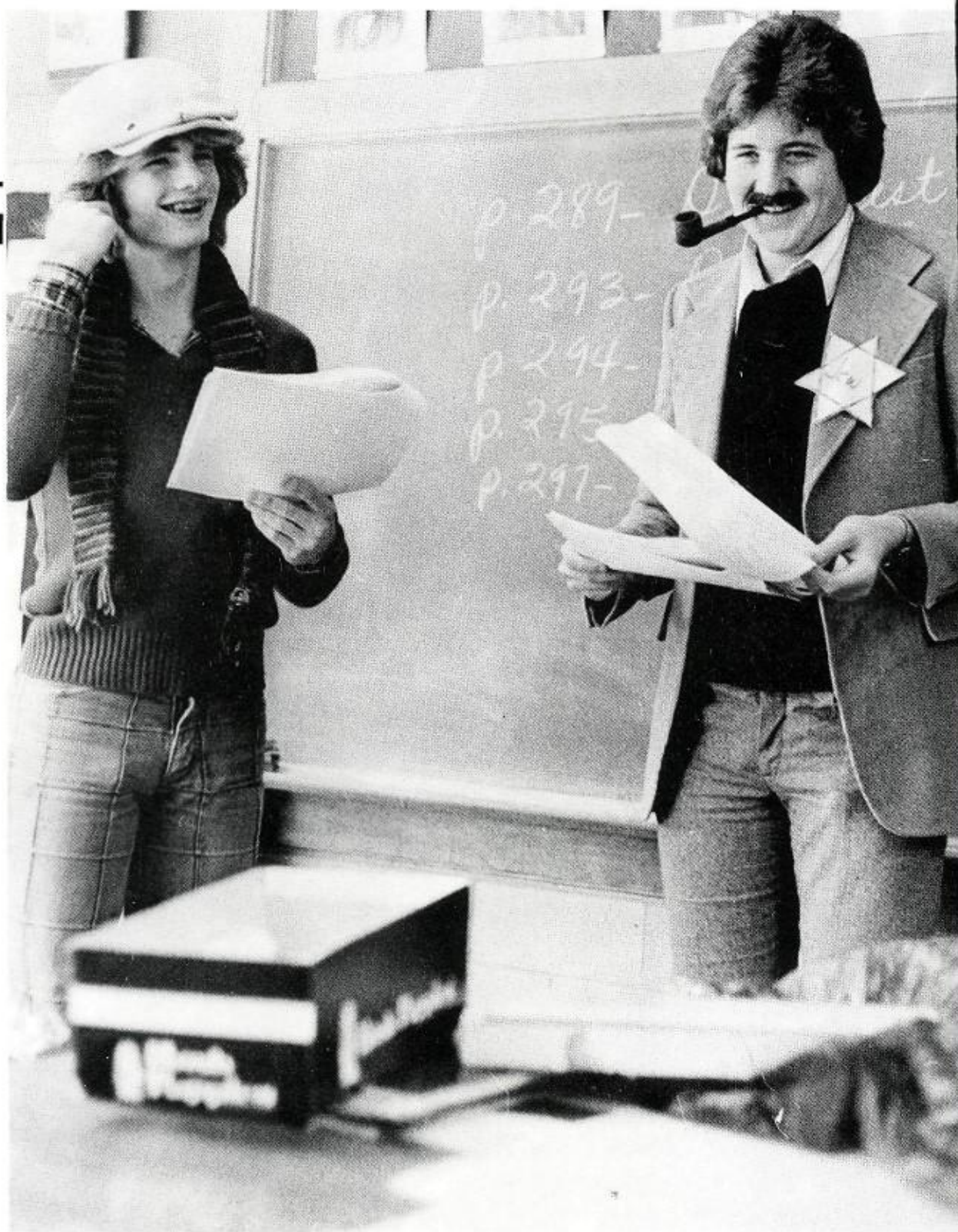
Even though the school routine was broken by various holidays, clubs, parties and friends, the year 1979 was one in which students were urged back to the basics and into a circle of electives and vocational courses designed at helping students make decisions for the future.

1. Established under the distinction of being the Learning Resource Center, the library intensifies the back to basic trend of 1979.
2. Depth of character portrayal is explored at Abilene High as Leland Harden and Scott Orr prepare to make a presentation to the honors English class.
3. The fundamental spirit at Abilene High is captured at the Abilene Zoo with Champ, the school mascot.
4. Disconcerting looks for zero period classes is expressed by those of the Drivers Education program at AHS.
5. The democratic process is considered complicated and often detailed by most, yet some like Angie Northrup finds a part of Ms. Nell Macon amusing.
6. Combining academics with extracurricular activities, David Ross stands at awe while photographically covering the Homecoming game for the *Flashlight*.

Required Courses



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1. Checking over her composition with Mrs. Karen Stover, Melissa partakes in the necessities of E10.

2. Bringing *The Dairy of Anne Frank* to life for their English class, Leland Harden and Scott Orr brighten up the drama section being taught in the juniors honors English class.

3. During the newly developed reading period, even Mr. Gayle Lomax stops his work to enjoy a book.

4. UIL spelling participants: FRONT ROW: Linda Abels, Julie Salmon, Lucy Magness, Beth Hendrix. BACK ROW: Lee Magness, Kenneth Hogg, Stuart Johnson, Brian Cargile.

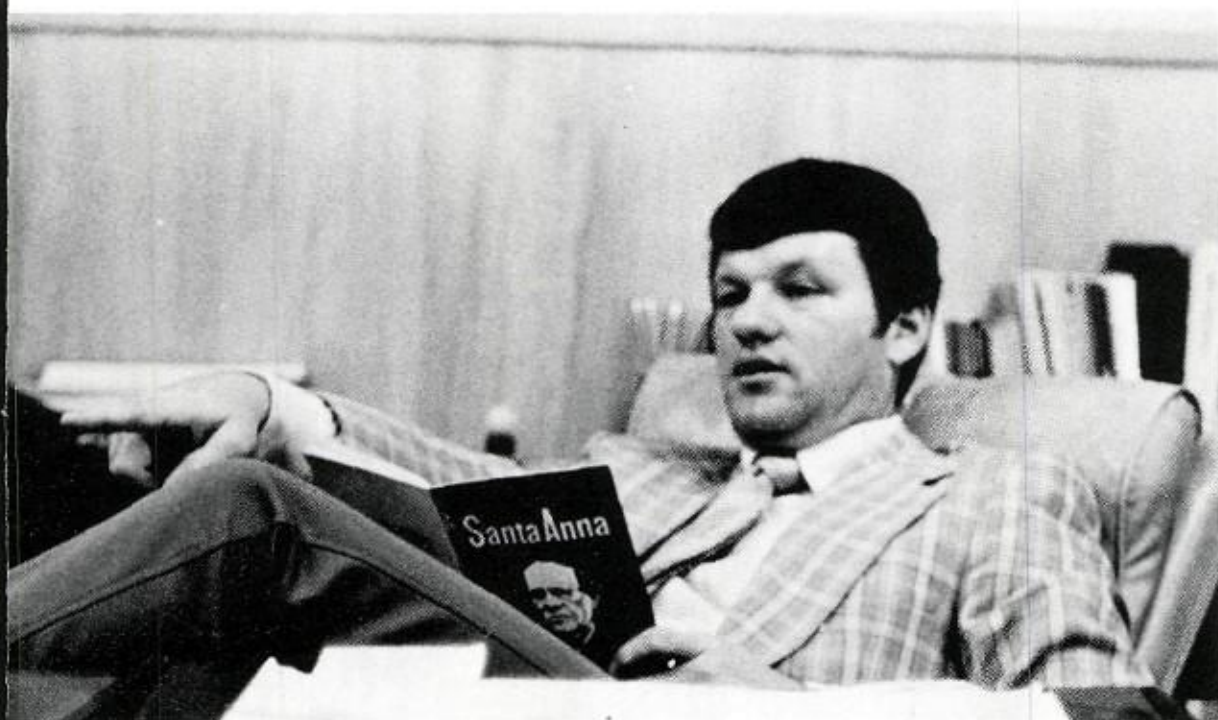
5. Comparing notes in E1B are Johnny Valdez, Danny Kiser and Robby Adkins.

6. Cheering Wes Gorman up in the play *Prisoner of Second Avenue* are Benny Shelley, Teresa Barnhart and Gina Herndon.

7. Tools of English not only include the traditional books, paper and pens, but also snacks and beauty supplies.



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Students, teachers collaborate to raise learning experience

"Change" and "back to the basics" became the themes of the English department at Abilene High. A sigh of relief could be heard from both English teachers and students with the news of retiring the E1B grammar packets for sophomores. The two year project with individualized grammar packets was packed away, hopefully to never emerge again. Another change in sophomore English came with the face lifting of the course E10. E10 became a split course with six weeks devoted to composition and six weeks to reading laboratory.

As usual, teachers tried to liven up class with special assignments or class projects. Guest speakers came even if it was from the counselor's office, and students had a chance to perform before their peers in dramas.

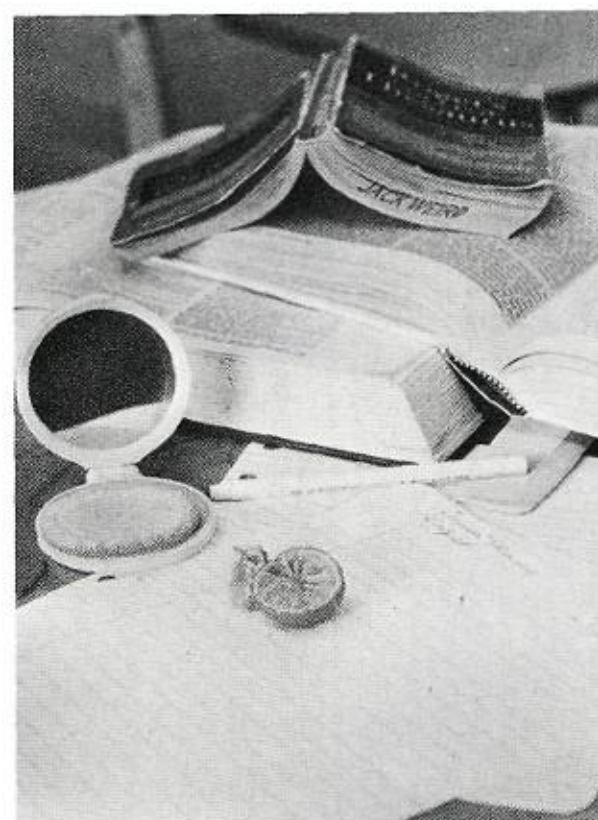
Besides the E10 course compounding composition and reading for sophomores, juniors also were required to take a class in composition and research. The elective English courses were mainly for seniors since many had already completed their graduation requirements in the English field. Their choices included "Honors British Literature," "Research Methods," "Advanced Grammar and Composition" and several others.



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Success still evident in math department

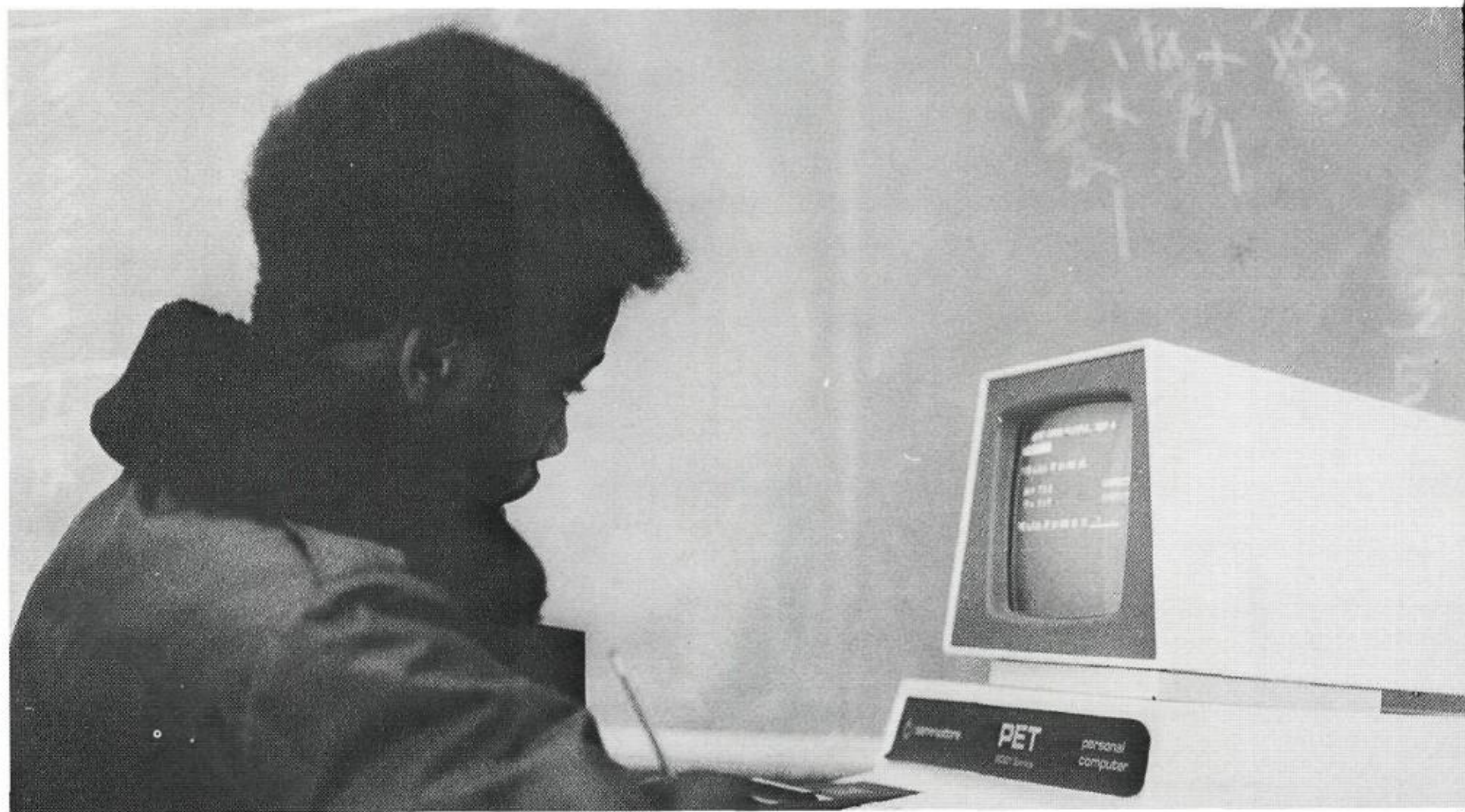
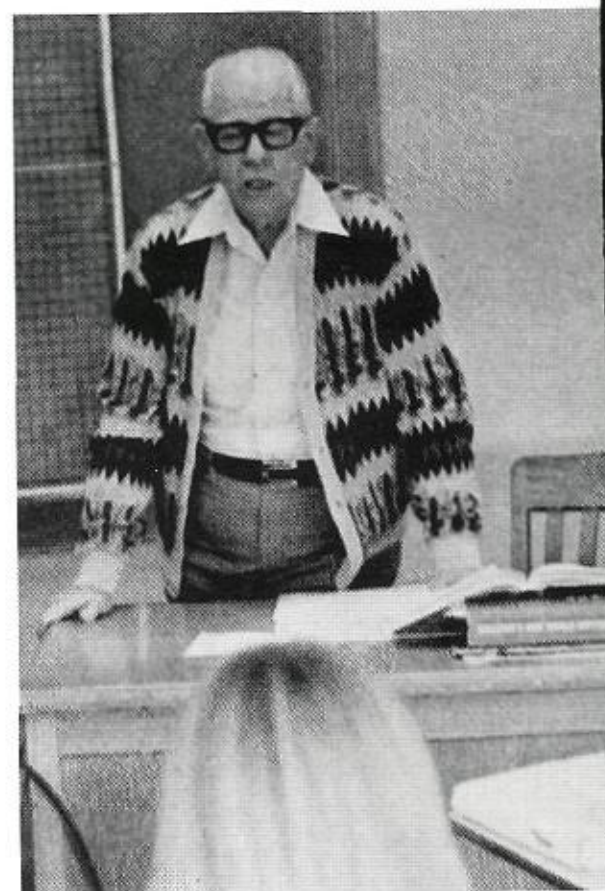
For many years students struggled through what seemed like an endless stream of numbers known as math homework. Almost every student had at one time or another heard his parents say "I don't understand all of that new math," or "They never taught that when I was in school."

So students and parents labored through hours of confusion and frustration trying to comprehend the mysteries of new math. However, Mr. James Lambdin, math teacher at Abilene High for 12 years, did not agree with the problems of "new math." According to him "The only thing new about math is that we teach why $2+2=4$, not because your math teacher says it does." With this new insight into the world of numbers, students better understood the confusing world of

math.

Other new arrivals to the math department were computers for Mrs. Donna Harlow's F. O. M. classes. The computers were programmed by individual students for basic mathematical skills. Mrs. Harlow felt that the computers gave students an opportunity for more individualized attention and created new interests in math for F. O. M. students.

Geometry students taught by Mrs. Dorothy Presswood spent time outside of class working on projects. As time went on, the students artwork took shape. Soon, Mrs. Presswood's classroom was overrun with models, puzzles, games, paper folding projects, and string art, giving a new look to the math department.



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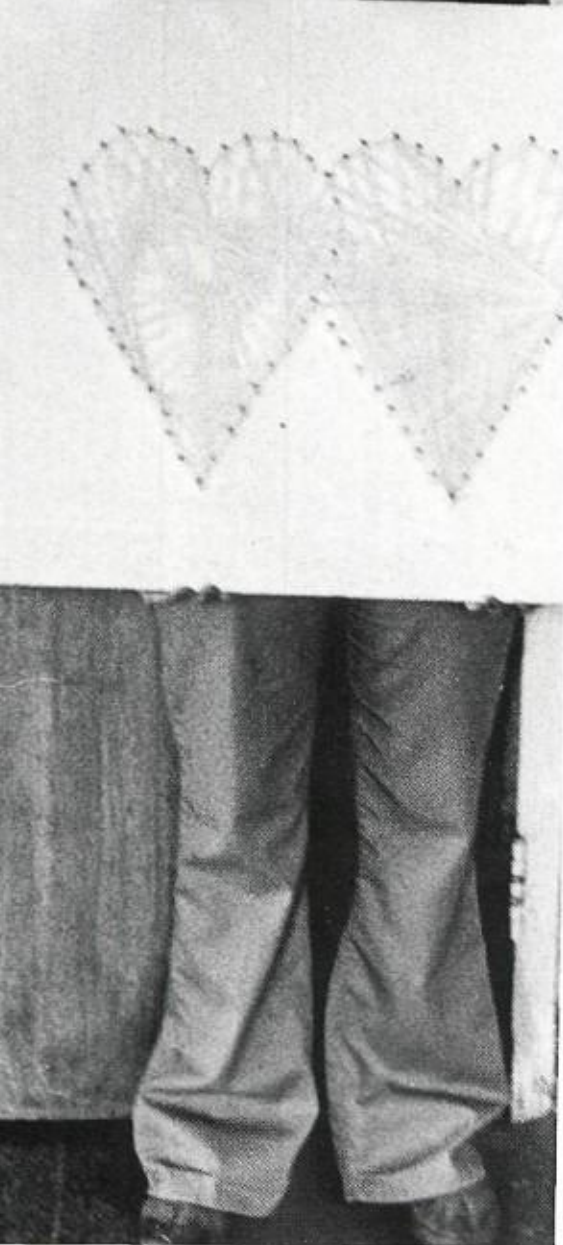




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1. Leaning on his desk for moral support, Mr. James Lambdin explains the mysteries of algebra.
 2. Finding a good place to do homework during lunch is not easy, but Diana Macon gets desperate when it comes to algebra.
 3. With the help of a computer, Robin Wise is able to better understand math.
 4. Concentrating on his work during class, Melvin Walker puts one of the new math computers to good use.
 5. Taking a break during algebra class, Shelia Cummings turns around to compare notes with her classmate.

6. Displaying string art projects during geometry class are David Black, Rebecca Lawrence, Leesa McKee and Damon Sybert.
 7. Showing off her geometry project, Grace Henry displays the result of hours of careful work.
 8. *Math team.* FRONT ROW: Ann Ferguson, Kevin Hogg, Greg Carter. SECOND ROW: Kenneth Hogg, Jimmy Pogue. BACK ROW: Nelson Coater, Joe Price, Mrs. Barbara Sidner (sponsor).

Variety adds life to P. E., health classes

Bowling balls, skates, bikes, weights, basketballs, tennis balls and rackets, whistles, fishing poles, floor mats and badminton rackets. What did all of these have in common? They were all part of the physical education program offered for students during the 1978-'79 school year at AHS.

P. E. teachers and coaches tried to make P. E. and health more exciting for students who dreaded having to take those two required classes. For students who wanted to slim down, several options were offered. For girls, Bold Gold, figure control and gymnastics could be scheduled. Guys, with the exception of a few girls, were challenged by weight training.

Another class designed to help win friends, impress them and improve social sports was the bowling and skating class. Although a small fee was charged, skills which were gained in this class were well worth the price. Viewed more as life long recreations, fishing, officiating and badminton concluded the list of "fun" P. E. classes.

In addition to the recreational classes, more exhilarating classes requiring skill and strength could be found. Drive, agility, strength and skill were needed in conquering courses such as tennis, bicycling, basketball and swimming.

Finally, a class for students who liked variety was team sports. Team sports was a combination of all sports including basketball, football and baseball.

The health classes at AHS did more than just work out of the textbook during the year. One project was writing reports about various health careers, and the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco. VD (Venereal Disease) was also studied in health, along with rape prevention. In addition, several speakers visited Mrs. Lucy Weaver's health class to discuss the importance of taking precautionary steps to prevent rape.

A large variety of P. E. courses was offered and many improved during the 1978-'79 year in an effort to interest the students and provide life long recreation and health training.





1. Eagerly watching his health class, Coach Dub Pierce anticipates completion of a health research project.

2. Aerobic exercising remains a mainstay of the physical education program at Abilene High.

3. Preparing for their daily outing, Miss Trudy Davis' fourth period bicycling class rides several miles during the week.

4. Keeping physically fit becomes the goal of Tonya Murray as she exercises.

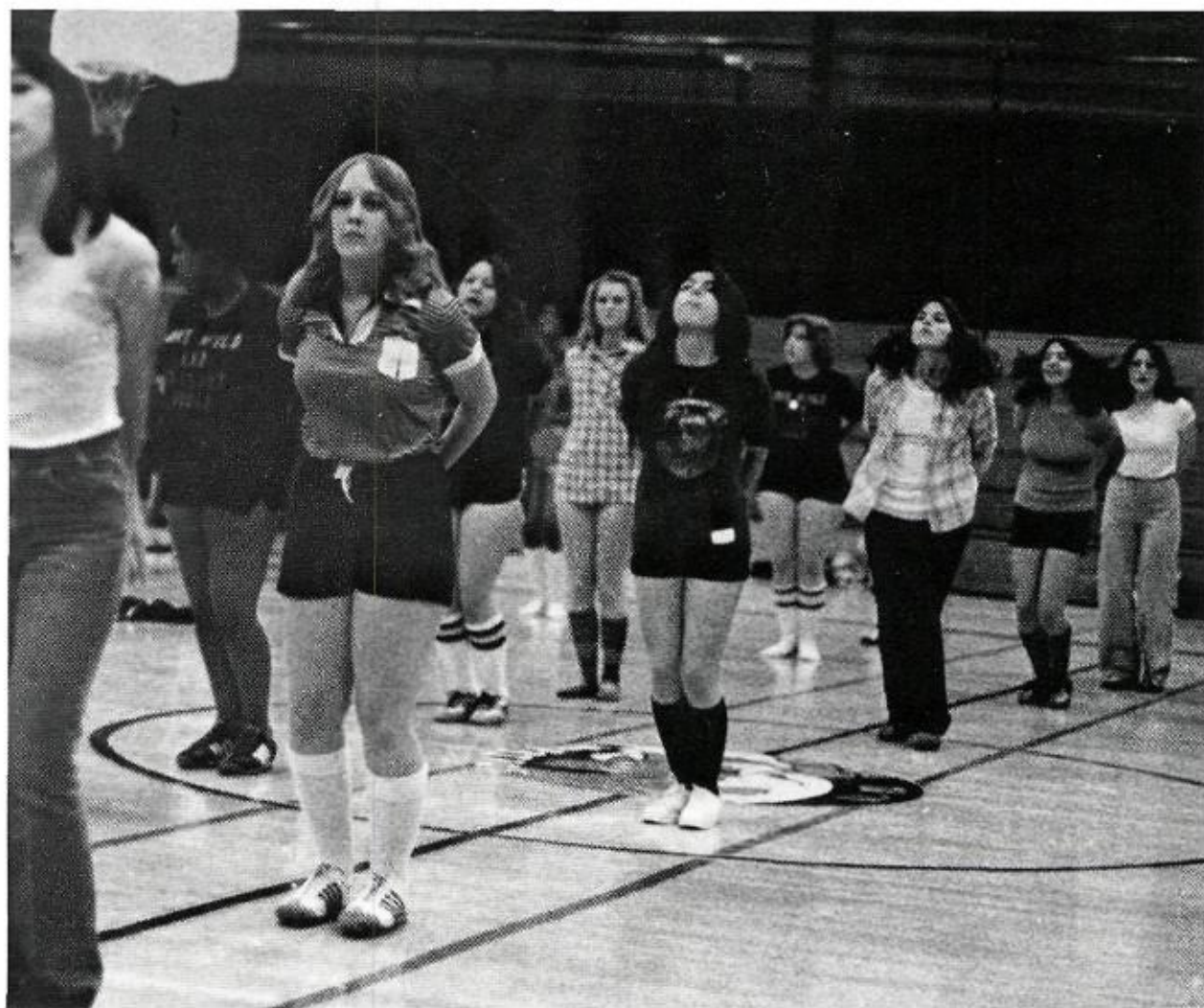
5. Continually working together, Bold Gold members go through daily routines.

6. Directing his class in officiating, Coach George Forkeway explains a complication in rules during an intramural game.

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Technology conveys facets of existence

Fulfilling each student's needs, the science department at Abilene High offered a variety of subjects. Courses ranged from geology and oceanography to the more traditional classes of biology, chemistry and physical science.

As in years gone by, biology classes centered their attention on genetics and the study of living organisms. Biology demonstrated the rationale method behind the organization of living systems.

Science classes also had special activities during the year. Students participated in science fair projects and research studies. Some classes even studied cardiopulmonary resuscitation in which Abilene Jaycees volunteered to help students learn to save a person's life.

Chemistry was a laboratory of natural chemicals. These classes experimented with different types of chemicals and analyzed them in the laboratory.

The science department provided the basics so science would not be overwhelming or perplexing in times to come.



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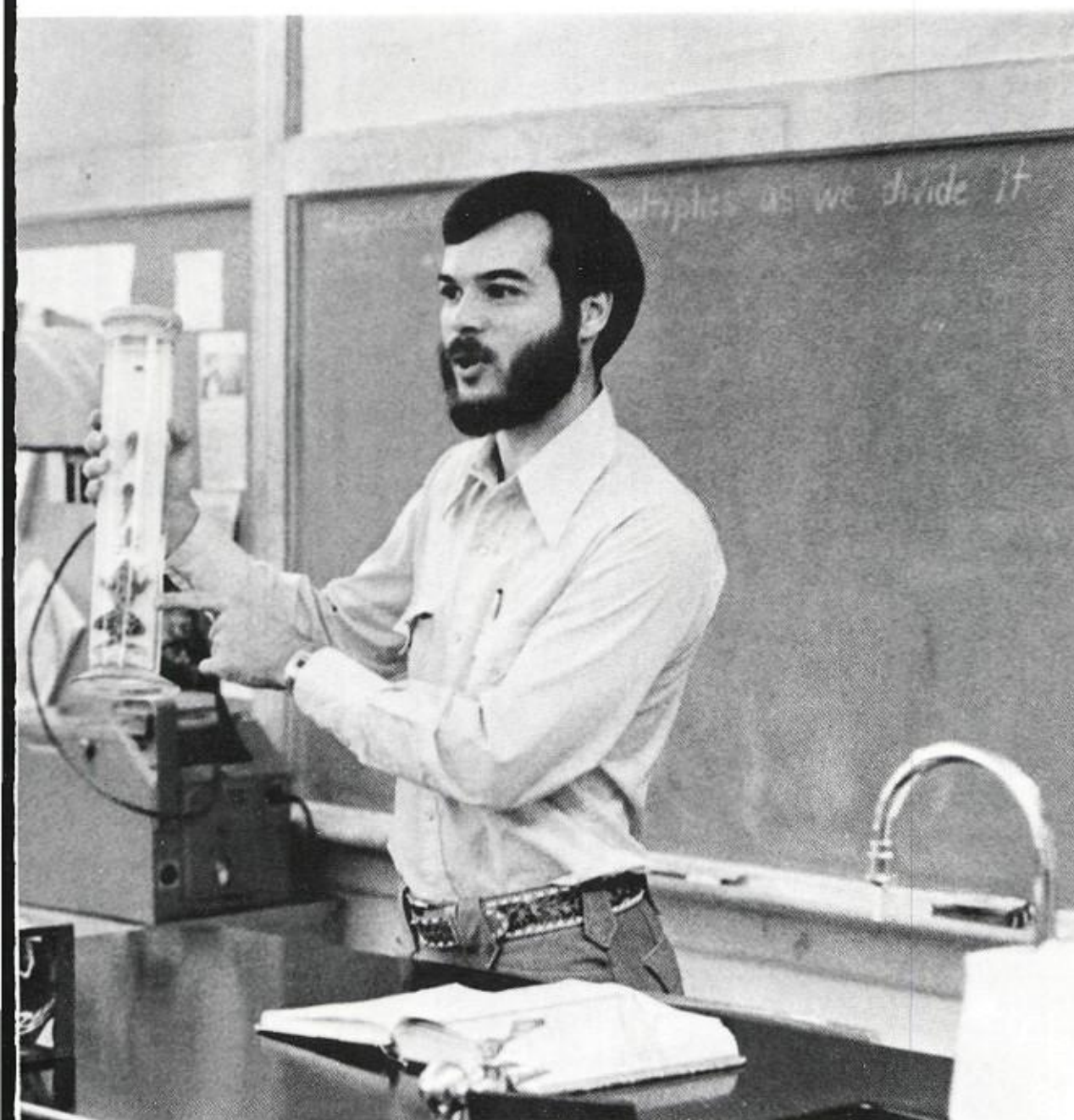
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1. Finding a variety of sea life, one of Miss Louise Self's classes works diligently.
2. Deep in concentration over the rocket that made the historic flight to the moon are Ceasar Rangel and Susan Blankenship on a trip to the planetarium.
3. Before turning in her biology assignment, Donna Morey adds a few corrections.
4. Various facets of sea life are investigated by Judy Lin during a laboratory assignment.
5. Renovation of the greenhouse is supplemented by Jere Madison, Mike Ogden, Nora Wall, Karen Pekowoki and Bill Hanson, members of the advance science class.
6. While teaching his biology class the respiration system of frogs, Mr. Philip Lana pauses to answer a student's question.
7. Dissecting a worm in biology class, Mindy Albaugh shows her feelings about one of the various tasks of biology class.

Past becomes reality as history continues

A great unknown authority on the teaching of history once said: "Everyone knows what history is until he begins to think about it. After that nobody knows." Students at AHS may have not been aware that history was being made every day of the year, but for five days out of the week they were faced with the product of yesterday—history.

Social studies department offered thirty-one different courses. Students were required to complete three units of history or geography, three units of American history and two units of government for graduation. Sophomores were offered nine different courses in world history and three courses in world geography. Juniors chose between ten different courses in American history, and seniors struggled to schedule four different kinds of government.

Including American history and world history, humanities for junior students became a popular elective. Taught jointly by Mrs. Nelda Macon and Mr. Wes Odell, the course combined American history and English as a two hour class. The students studied a variety of subjects spanning such topics as the labor problems of the immigrants and the Industrial Revolution. Classroom instruction was often supplemented by class trips such as a trip to Gooch's Package Company.

Other social studies classes presented a study of the institutions and processes used in the legislative, executive and judicial functions in American government. In these classes, students were encouraged to participate in a democratic society by helping candidates in elections.

The social studies department showed the students something of their heritage and attempted to prepare students for active participation in the future as citizens of the community, state and nation.



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1. Discussing the problems of Iran, Denise Mayhall and Rosie Owen use the help of a map.
2. Touring Gooch's Packing Company, students in humanities explore one of the many aspects of labor.
3. Preparing to view a film in Mrs. Rhonda Hunter's world geography class, Trey Gingratte rests awhile.
4. One of the new books in the history department, *The Promise of Democracy*, is criticized by Rhonda Gillis.
5. Proving the theory that learning can be fun is Angie Northrup in U. S. government class.
6. During an American history class, Susan Boyd contributes to the class by finding different countries on the map.
7. While teaching one of his American history classes, Mr. Norman Olson explains the early life of American historians.



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1. Demonstrating his own form of body language, Wes Gorman stretches during psychology class.

2. Taking time out from psychology class, Russell Sanders takes a look at the bulletin board.

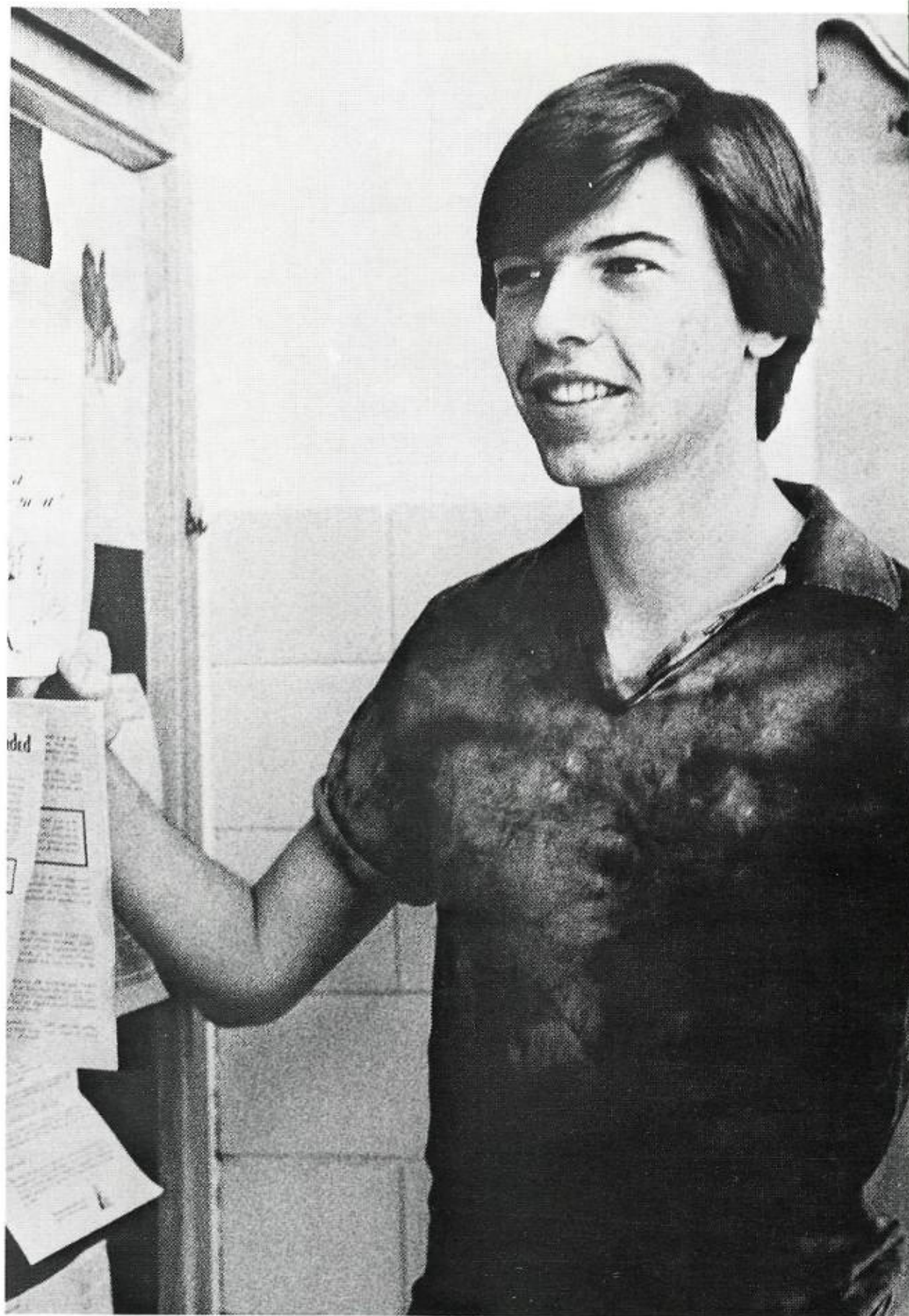
3. Waiting for Mr. Steve Perkins' attention as he talks to the psychology class is Kent Cannon.

4. Finishing a psychology experiment, Millie Wright wears a blind-fold as Barbra Owen records the results.

5. Positive expressions are evident throughout the psychology class.

6. Perched atop her desk Mrs. Rhonda Hunter instructs her sociology students.

7. While taking notes, Cindy Britton shows the concentration necessary for understanding psychology.



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Beliefs About Self and Others

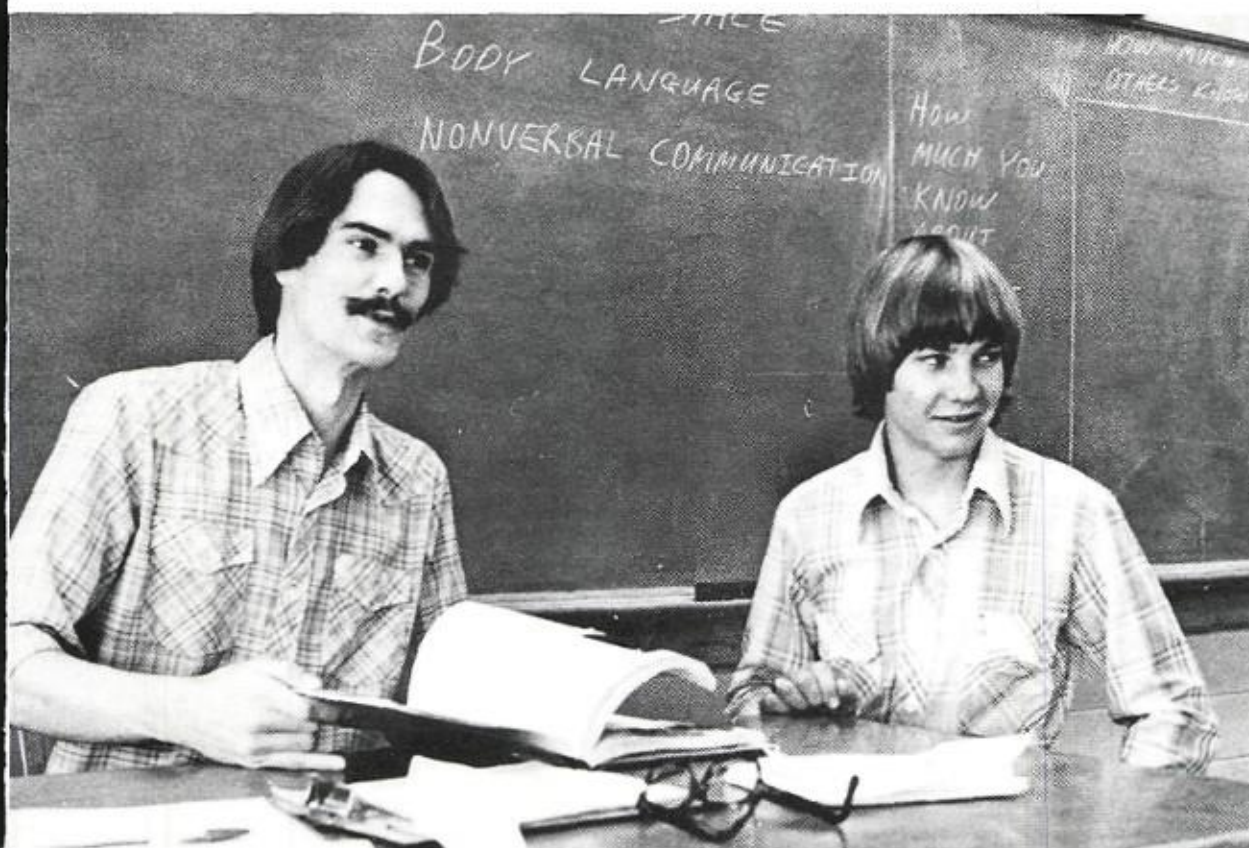
What we believe ourselves and others to be has more influence on our behavior than what we or they really are.

If a person believes that he or she is not of value, he or she will act incapable and unlovable, and continue to feel of no value.

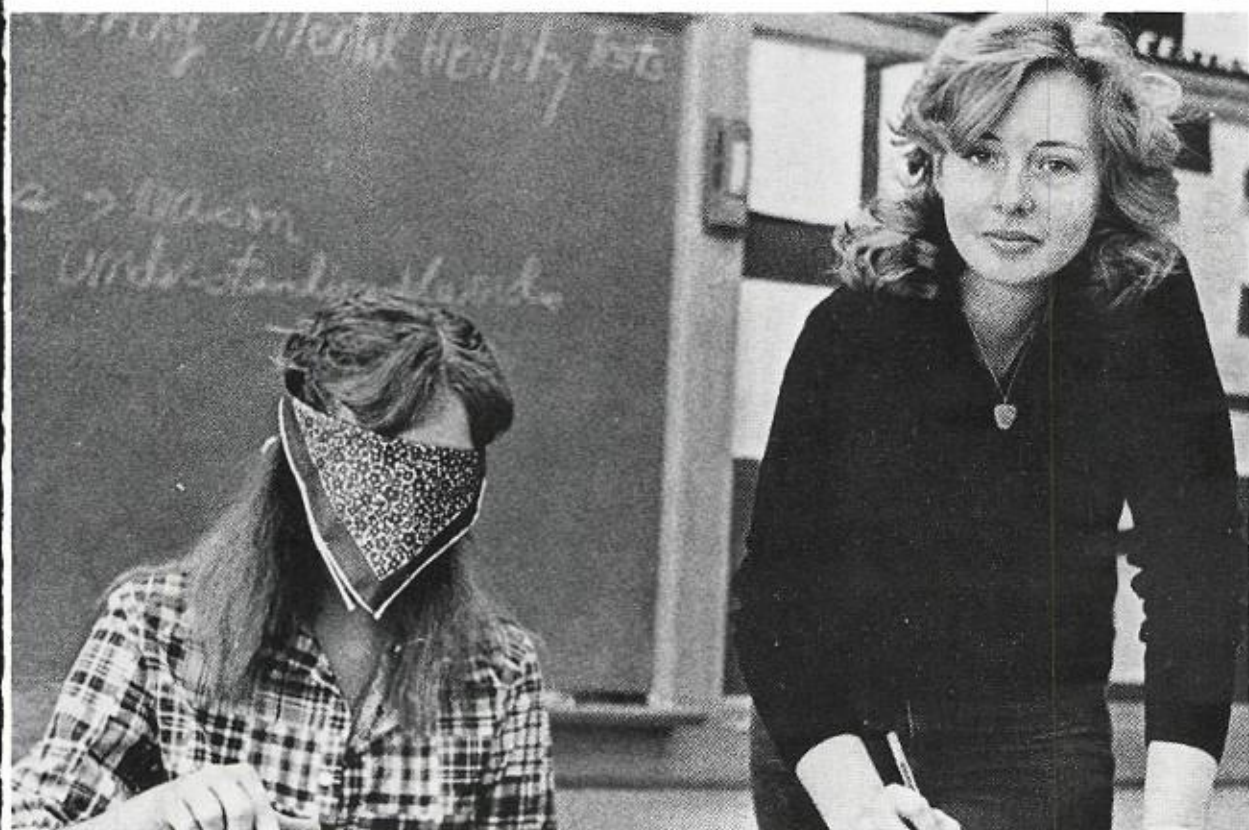
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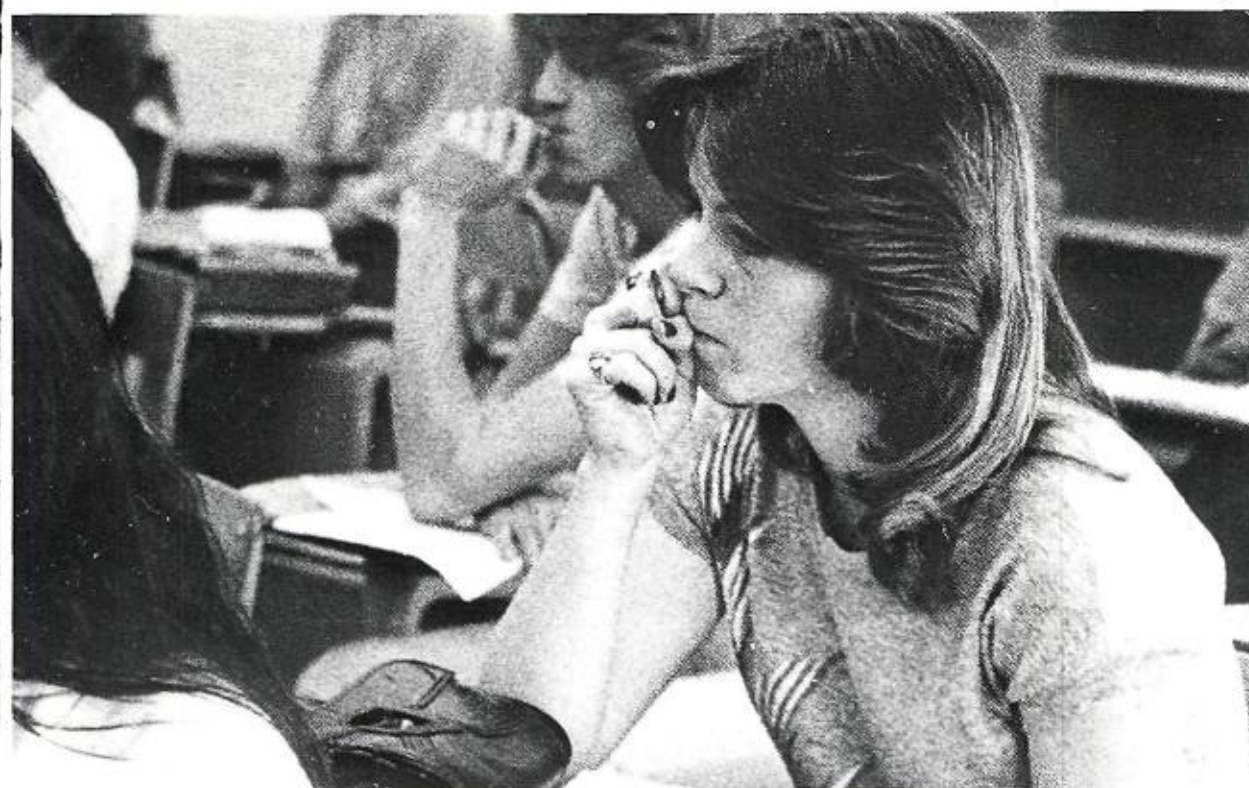
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Psychology prepares students for later life

Teaching teenagers to cope with problems which they might have to face in later life was the goal of psychology, sociology and economics classes. Abilene High offered all of these courses during the 1978-'79 school year.

Students taking psychology classes were required to start with an introduction to psychology class. After completing the introductory course, students were offered a second course in abnormal psychology taught by Mr. Steve Perkins. Students learned about personality, intelligence, mental illness, history of psychology and theorists such as Sigmund Freud.

Sociology classes, taught by Mrs. Rhonda Hunter, discovered the influences of peer pressure, family problems, religions, and several other subjects. "The main purpose of the class is to realize how and why we act the way we do in groups," said Mrs. Hunter. "We talk candidly about the students' social problems."

As inflation grew during the school year, so did the cost of living. Students in Miss Jozell Brister's economics classes usually enrolled in order to function better in the changing economy of the nation. Economics students spent time trying to solve problems in market and scarce resources.

Psychology, sociology and economics classes were each very beneficial in helping students to better solve the problems that they presently had and the ones which they would surely face after high school.

Traditional domestic arts capture novel appearance at AHS

Although occasionally a ripping seam could be heard or a pan boiling over could be seen, generally the homemaking classes were rewarding experiences. Learning the basics of an independent life which included cooking, sewing and decorating a home was the backbone of these courses.

Various courses were offered to students such as consumer education which presented the many phases of banking, insurance, budgeting and credit.

A study of interior decorating under the title of "Home Furnishings" taught skills such as painting, drapery making, upholstering and furniture refinishing. Under this course, each student was required to draw a floor plan and decorate a dream house.

Beginning with the study of dating, "Home and Family Living" went through the steps of establishing a home. The class carried through engagement, weddings, house hunting, communications, the family life cycle stages and ended with aging and death. A mock wedding was performed, complete with reception to create the atmosphere of an actual wedding.

These courses gave students the opportunity to taste the life of an adult and the freedom and responsibilities of independence.



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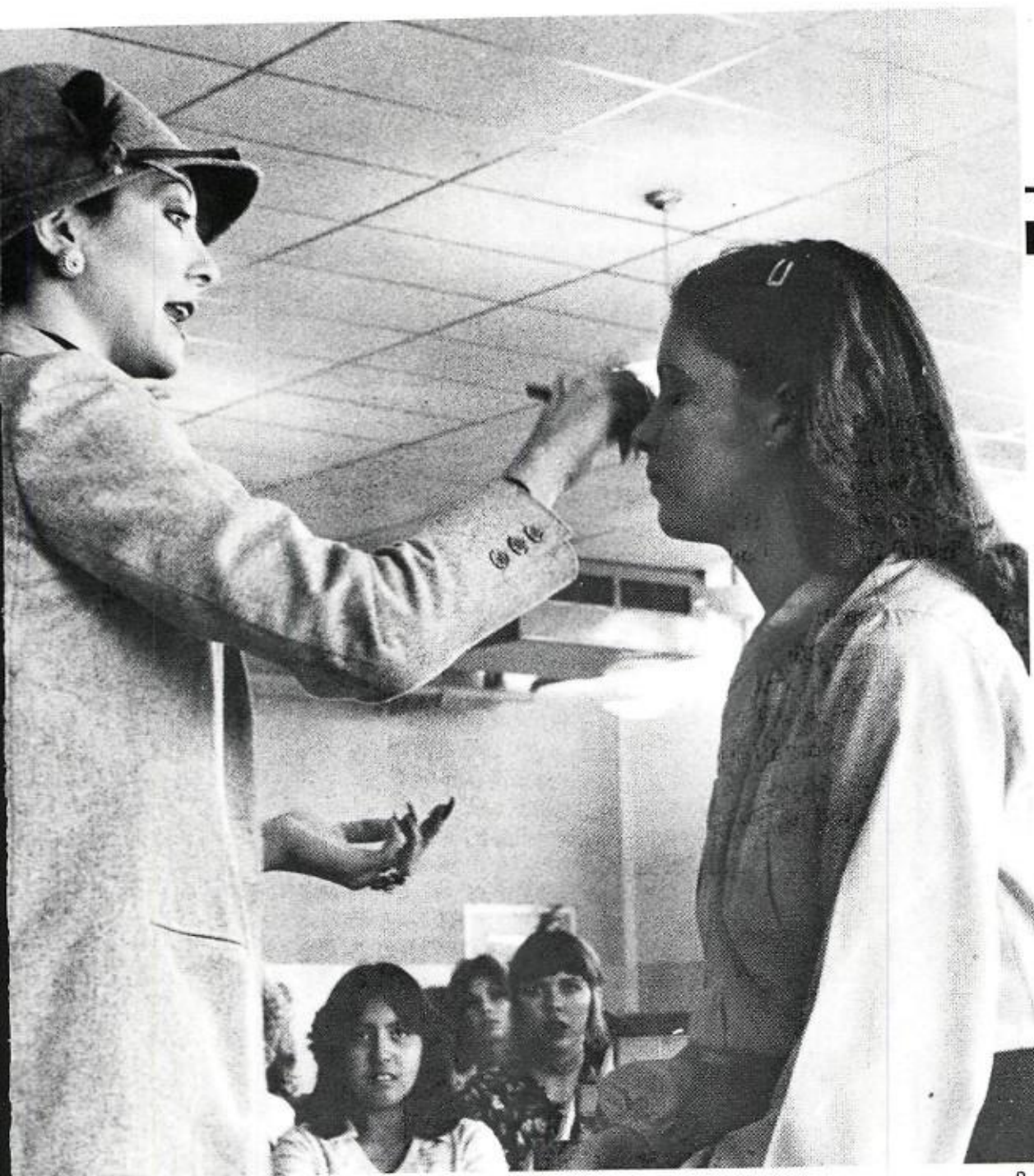


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Elective Courses



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1. Attempting to create a perfect dish, Loella Corning and Tammy Clark add the necessary ingredients.

2. Pressing her unfinished dress, Suzette Cox participates in one of the many home-making courses offered.

3. Adding the final touches to Kathy Morris' makeover, Dallas model Mrs. Christi Harris gives the students an added treat.

4. Sewing by machine may be nice, but as Margaret Wilson finds out, handsewing is also a necessity.

5. Creating a picture with yarn, Jeanette McCullar enjoys another aspect of home-making.

6. Adding flour to her pie-in-the-making, Nora Wall looks forward to eating it.



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Students grasp new meaning of existence

Since most high school students had younger brothers or sisters in their homes, the need for understanding the little unbearable monsters was a reality. This and more was easily discovered in the one trimester child development course offered by the homemaking department.

Three levels of child care were taught from the view of the babysitter. The course material started with conception and continued with the birth process and on through the different stages of development. Policemen visited the class and discussed the effects and causes of child abuse. The classes even took field trips on occasions to observe children in various day-care centers and to price baby supplies available at Westgate Mall. They also visited the hospital, attempted to get into the maternity ward and also visited the pediatrics center. They also studied handicapped children and the causes and solutions of how to deal with them.

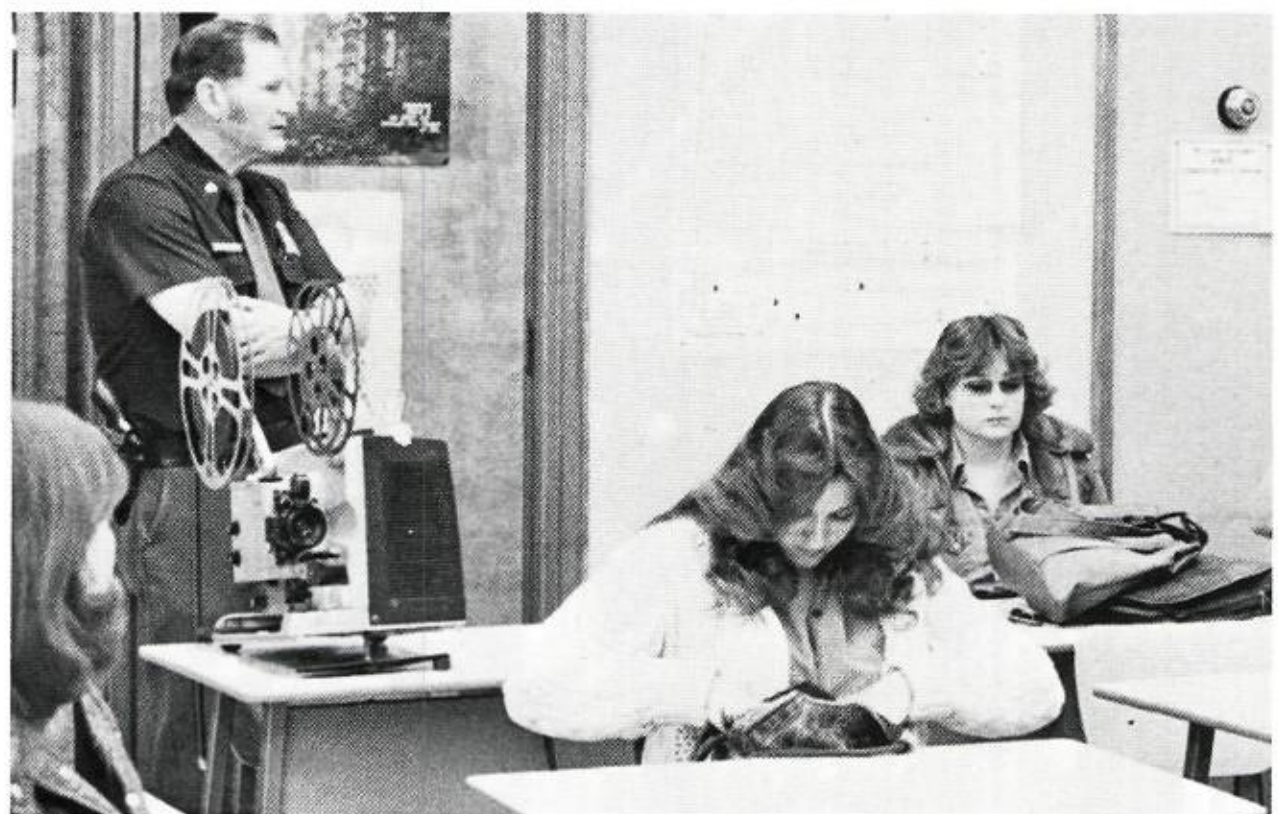
This course was especially helpful for those planning on working with small children in their profession and for those planning parenthood in the future.



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1. Hanging up her near-finished product, Marelyn Bridges prepares to leave home-making class.

2. Aiding the little children, Tammy Flaksbarth and Terry Jones, senior Paula Evans participates in the Indian Village under the child development course.

3. Showing students what the home furnishing course has to offer, the display attempts to lure more students into the class.

4. Stirring, stirring and more stirring! That's what the recipe calls for as Diane Boone demonstrates.

5. Pushing Annie Goins around in the preschool at AHS, Sherrina Adair realizes the joy brought with little children.

6. Explaining various aspects of child abuse to Jan Johnson and Cheryl Parrott is Officer Joe Billings.

Big bonus for the business department

Business classes at Abilene High took on a new appearance during the year of 1978-'79. An obvious addition came when new office desks and chairs replaced the old school desks.

Chairman of the business department, Mrs. Kay Taylor stated that the new office desks would give the students more of a sense of working in a real office.

In addition to the new equipment, the business department began offering two new courses. Business management and office business careers were designed to supplement the more standard courses of typing, shorthand, office procedures, accounting, business math and business management. Business teachers worked with students to help them acquire basic knowledge of office procedures. After completing the more advanced courses in typing, and shorthand, some students hoped to compete at Big Spring in district 5-AAAA competition.

The business department received many calls from prospective employers asking for office help. Often emphasized was the ability to type, a skill necessary for almost every business related job. Most Abilene High students felt that they were prepared in this area as in many others by their years of study in the business department.

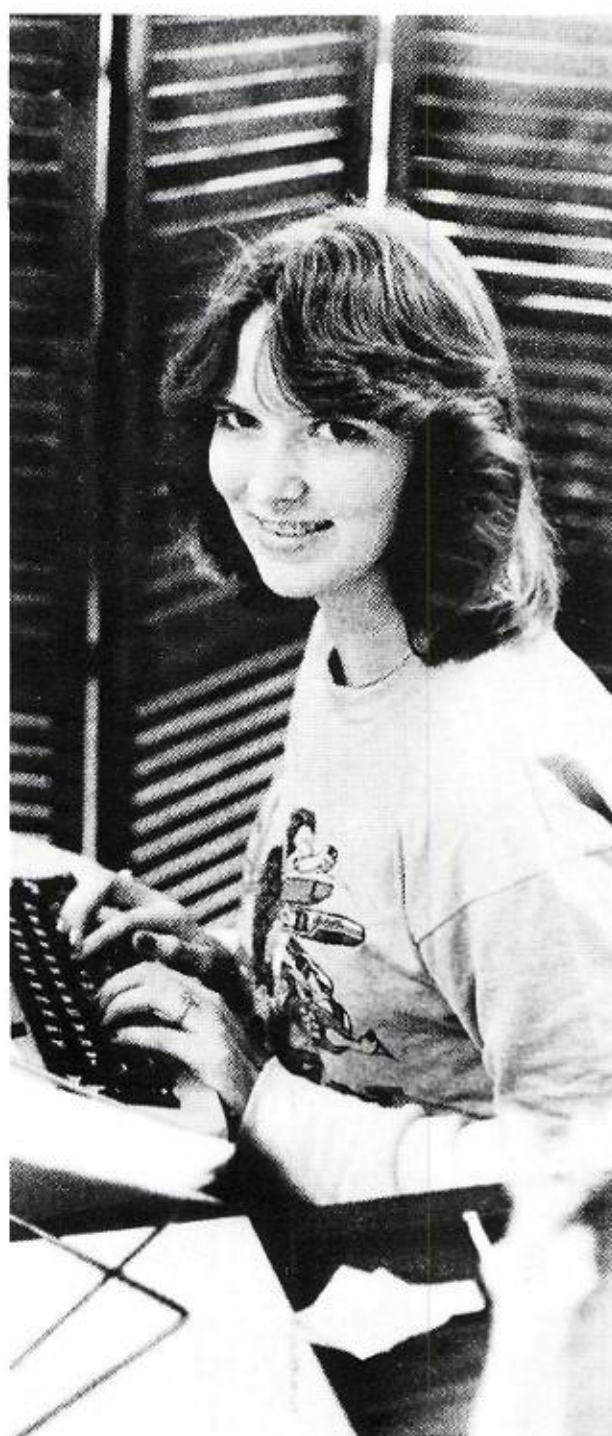




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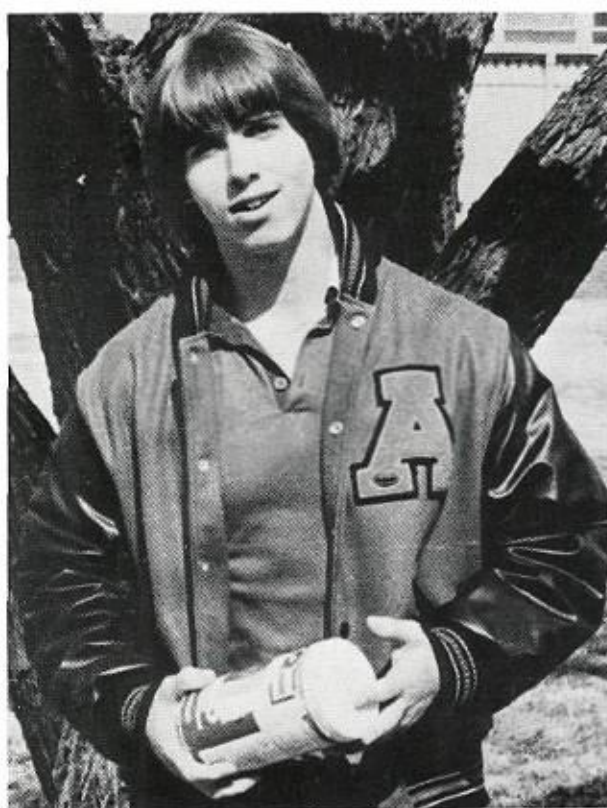


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1. Dictaphones, part of the new changes in the business department, are demonstrated by Susie Alvarez.
2. Rushing to complete as much typing as possible before the bell rings, typists realize the benefits of speedy fingers.
3. With a look that could kill, Mary Ann Ramirez waits for a signal to start her speed typing.
4. During class, Becky Lackey learns about the techniques of running office machines.
5. Patiently listening to confused students is all part of Linda Hoefler's job in business management.
6. Typing business letters takes time, but Tonya Freeman is a speed typist.
7. Running off carbon copies for the business department is part of Mitzi Harris' routine.



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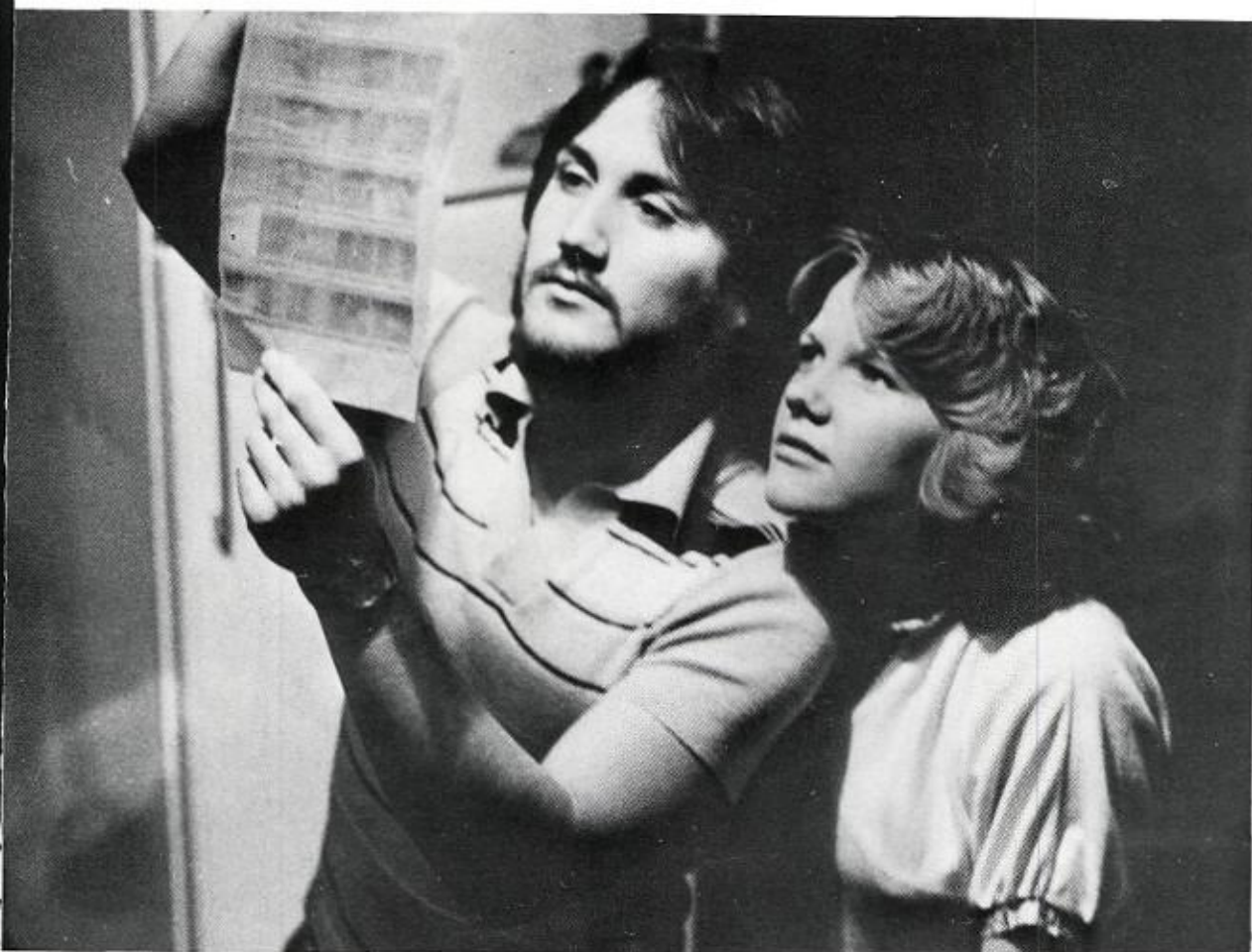
1. In the last stages of enlarging a print, Kim Whalen squeegees the final product.
2. Acting as the key instrument, Woodrow Wilson's pinhole camera demonstrates the basis of photography.
3. Providing students with knowledge of photography, Mrs. Janelle Caldwell explains the parts of the camera.
4. Inspecting their work, Joe Marquez and Terry Harris hope to enlarge their assignments.
5. Uniting together, the fifth period photography class records images of Abilene High.
6. Setting up a tripod, Effie Gonzalez skillfully prepares for a multi-exposure.
7. As a basis of printing, chemical reactions occur forming the image on Tracy Bishop's print.
8. Developing trays full of dektol, rapid fix and stop bath await student use during sixth period photography class.



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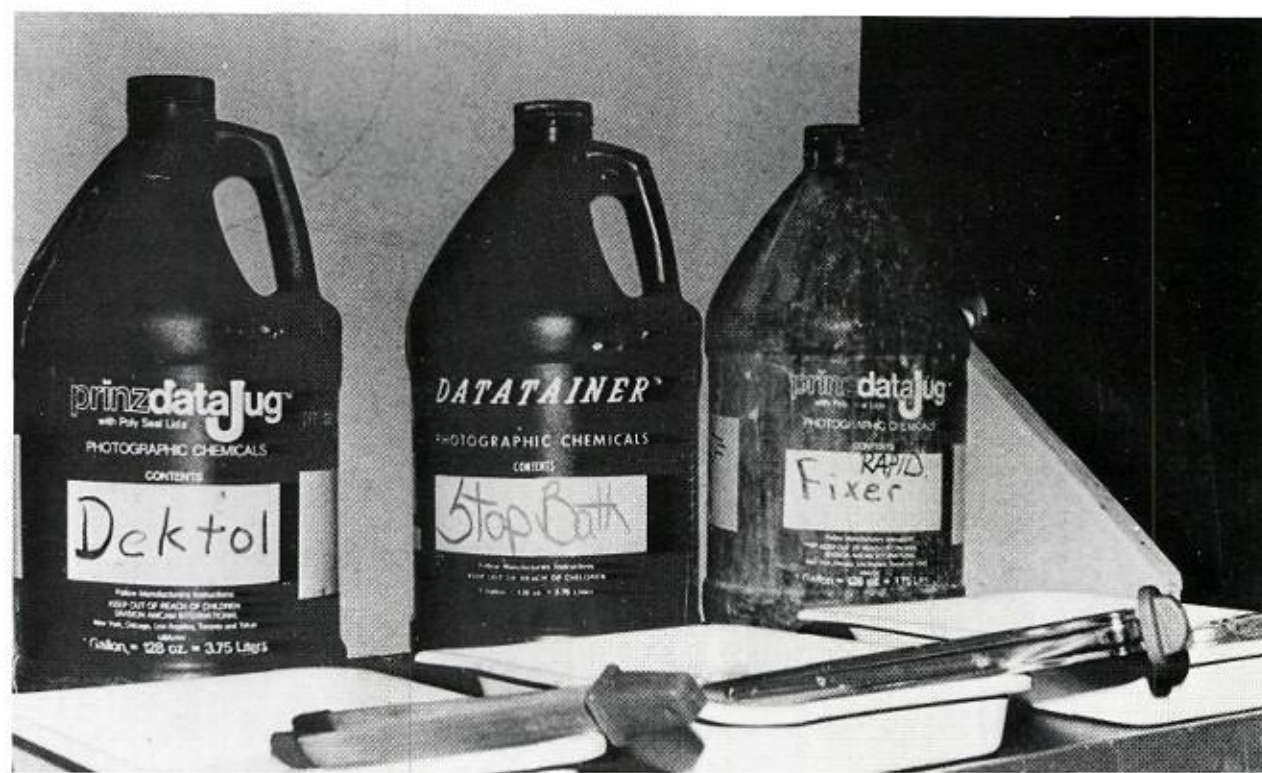
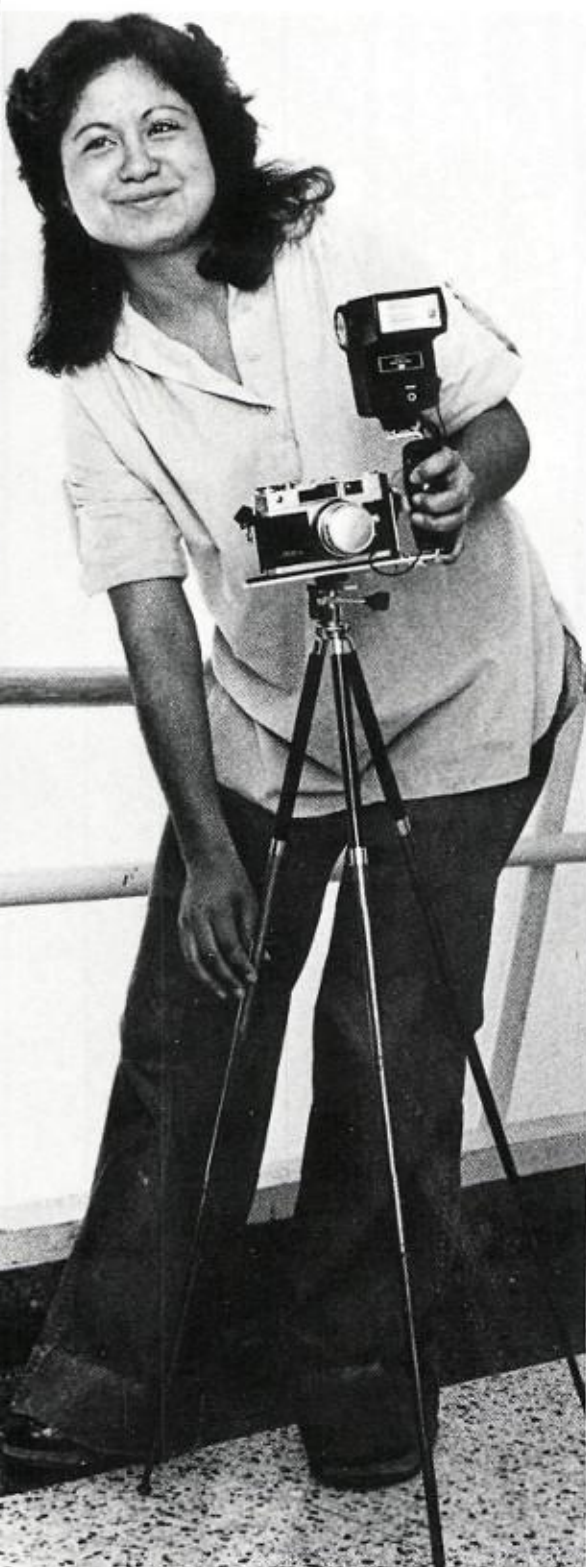
Photographers learn snappy photo skills

Blooming gracefully, the course of photography developed under the instruction of Mrs. Janelle Caldwell. The methods of photography were offered at AHS in either a one trimester or full year course which provided students with knowledge of film and camera techniques.

During the first trimester, neophyte photographer were taught basic procedures, such as developing negatives, operating a camera, printing pictures and enlarging images. More advanced students focused on purifying these skills and developing special effect techniques.

As the students tamed the relationship of light and shutter speed, they soon learned difficult procedures needed in arranging these elements to provide the desired theme. Most students were satisfied in learning skills that would last throughout their lives even though they were not planning on becoming professionals.

During the year, photography classes were challenged by several projects. At Christmas, students raised money by inviting the study body, faculty and visitors from the community to have their pictures taken with photographers posing as Santa and Mrs. Claus. Several students looked forward to the incorporation of a second year course for the coming school year. These students hoped to perfect their techniques to enter photo contests and eventually pursue photography as a career.





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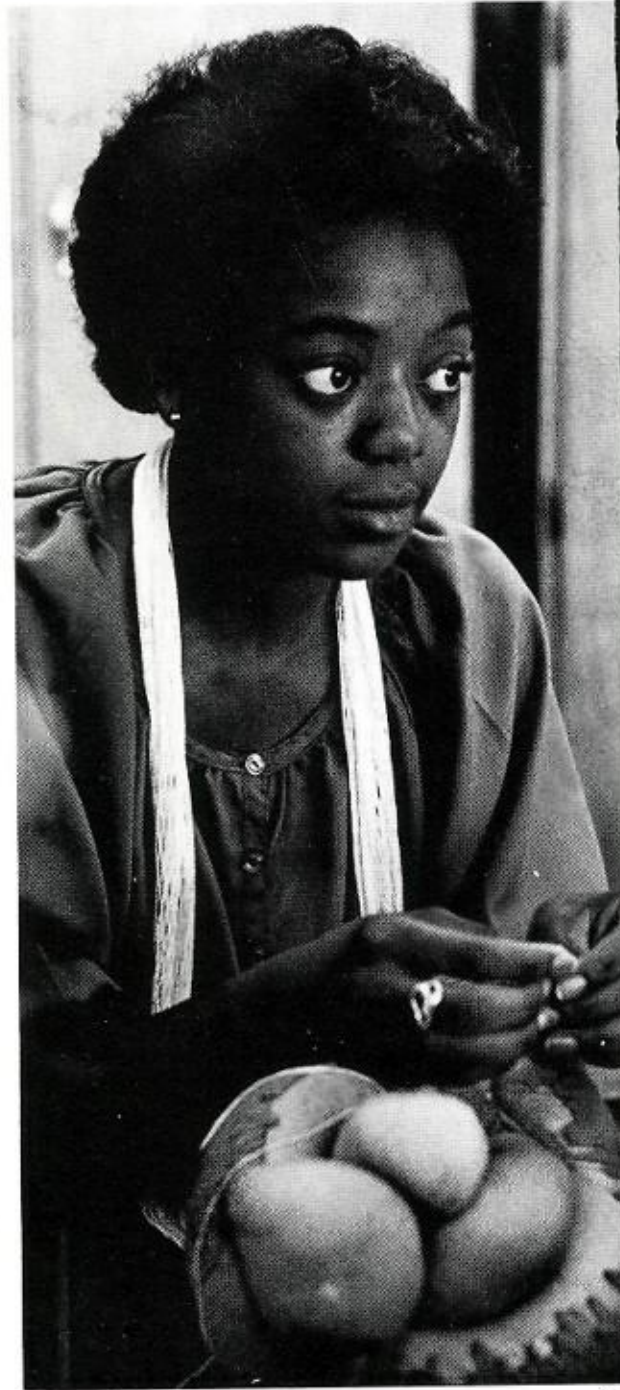


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1. Helping Margret Ramirez pick out the right colors, Mrs. Carolyn Presswood combines different colors to express the creative touch.
2. Perfecting his work of art, Pat Edwards adds the final touches.
3. Designed by art student John Thompson, a creative art object represents previously hidden talents.
4. Displaying her macrame wall hanging, Joy Petty smiles at a project well done.
5. Making her own stocking sculpture, Lutricia Foreman perfects her artistic techniques.
6. Washing up before class ends, Sandy Harris reflects on the day's work.
7. Examining her still life, Kathy Davis compares her perspective.



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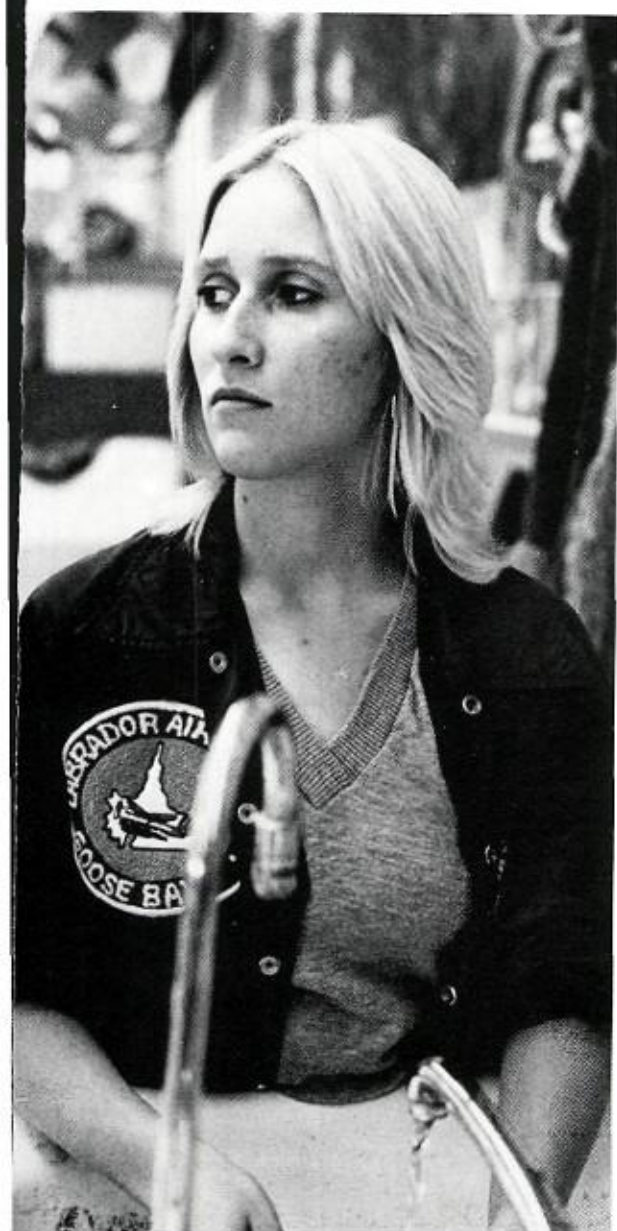
Basic art becomes part of daily routine

Arranging space and composing pictures were basic tasks which students learned in the art classes taught at Abilene High. Among the art courses offered were textiles, weaving, stitchery, macrame and ceramics, sculpture and a study of clay and glazes. Skills such as designing and drawing and painting were also learned.

Many hours of practice and concentration were needed to learn the basics and methods of art. After sitting in class for hours expressing their creative talents, the students were given a chance to show off their works of art. On April 3, 1979, the annual public school art exhibit was held at the Abilene Civic Center.

Exhibition of their works gave the students and art teachers, Mrs. Nancy Noll and Mrs. Carolyn Presswood, a sense of pride to see different sculptures, drawings and canvases displayed for everyone to see and enjoy.

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Speakers, actors bewitched by district

"Finding yourself!"

"What's the meaning of life?"

These could be found in a psychology class, but instead they were the theme of the UIL one act play, *Denny and the Witches*. The play was produced by an all-star cast with the lead roles going to David Smith and Terrie Hawkins. The cast presented the play for the student body in March and then participated in district competition held in Big Spring to win fourth place honors.

Mr. Hal Miller, drama teacher at AHS held three drama classes Drama I, II, III. He also taught stagecraft, a class where students learned to set a stage, use lights and props, and master the basic technical functions of a play. Skills and techniques acquired in drama naturally spilled over into speech. Ms. Fran King, speech teacher, stated that many

students who came into her speech class were originally drama students. Speech I and II were offered for beginners, while the more determined students advanced to debate classes and tournament speech.

The 1979 speech team did very well, competing in the four major areas of poetry reading, prose reading, extemporaneous speaking, and debate. The team traveled to six different tournaments. Outstanding speakers at UIL were Terrie Hawkins in poetry reading, Carrie Blondeau and David Smith in prose reading, and Matt Craig, Phil Boone and Richard Giesey in extemporaneous speaking.

Both speech and drama closely interacted with each, helping the other. Both departments had a banquet at the end of the year where outstanding awards were given.



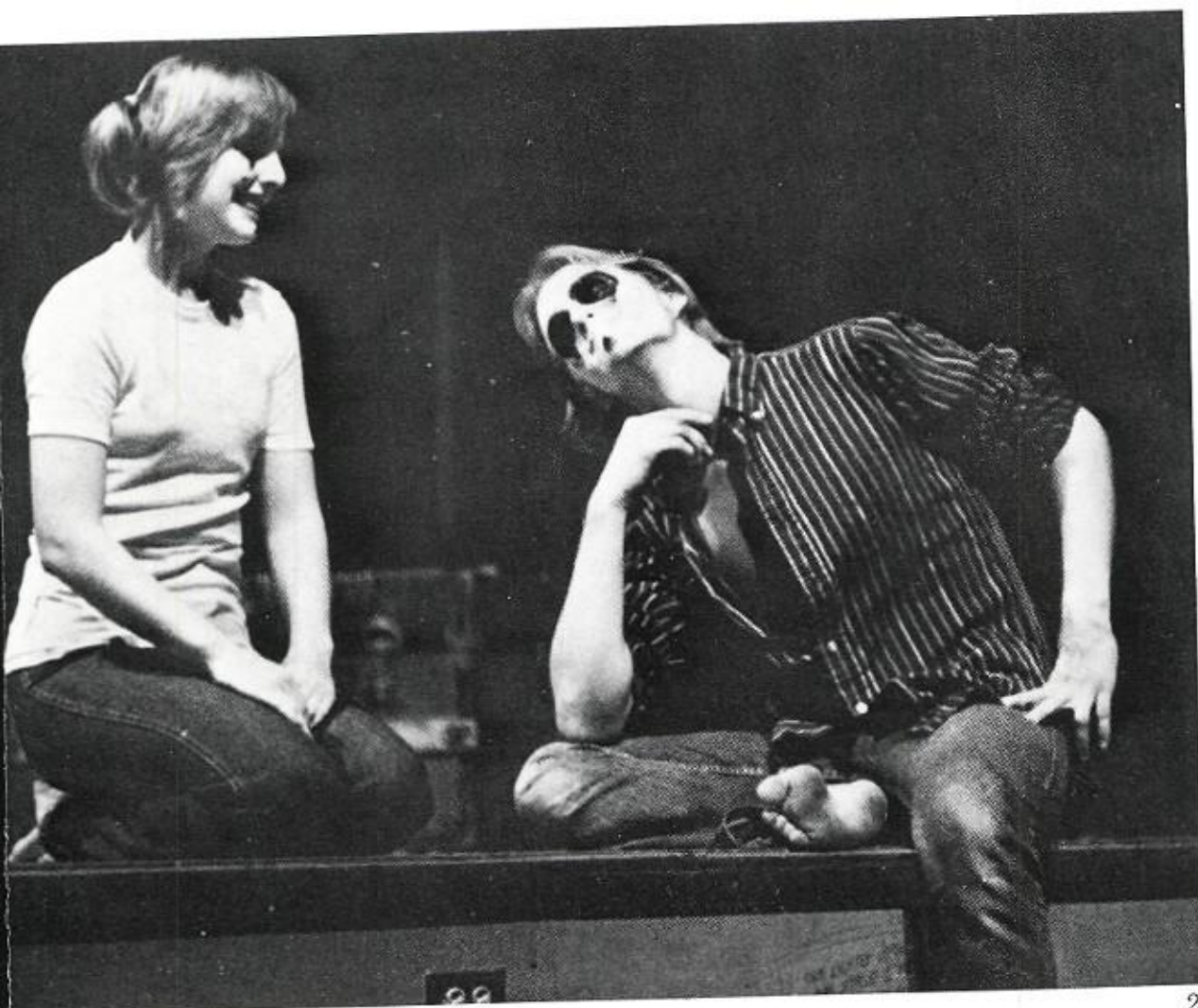
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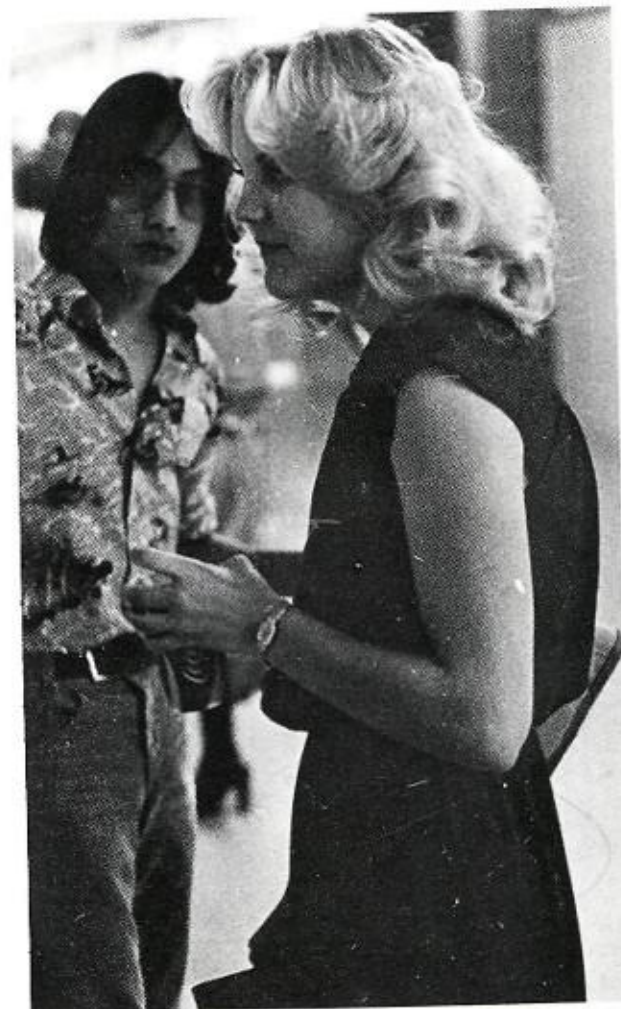
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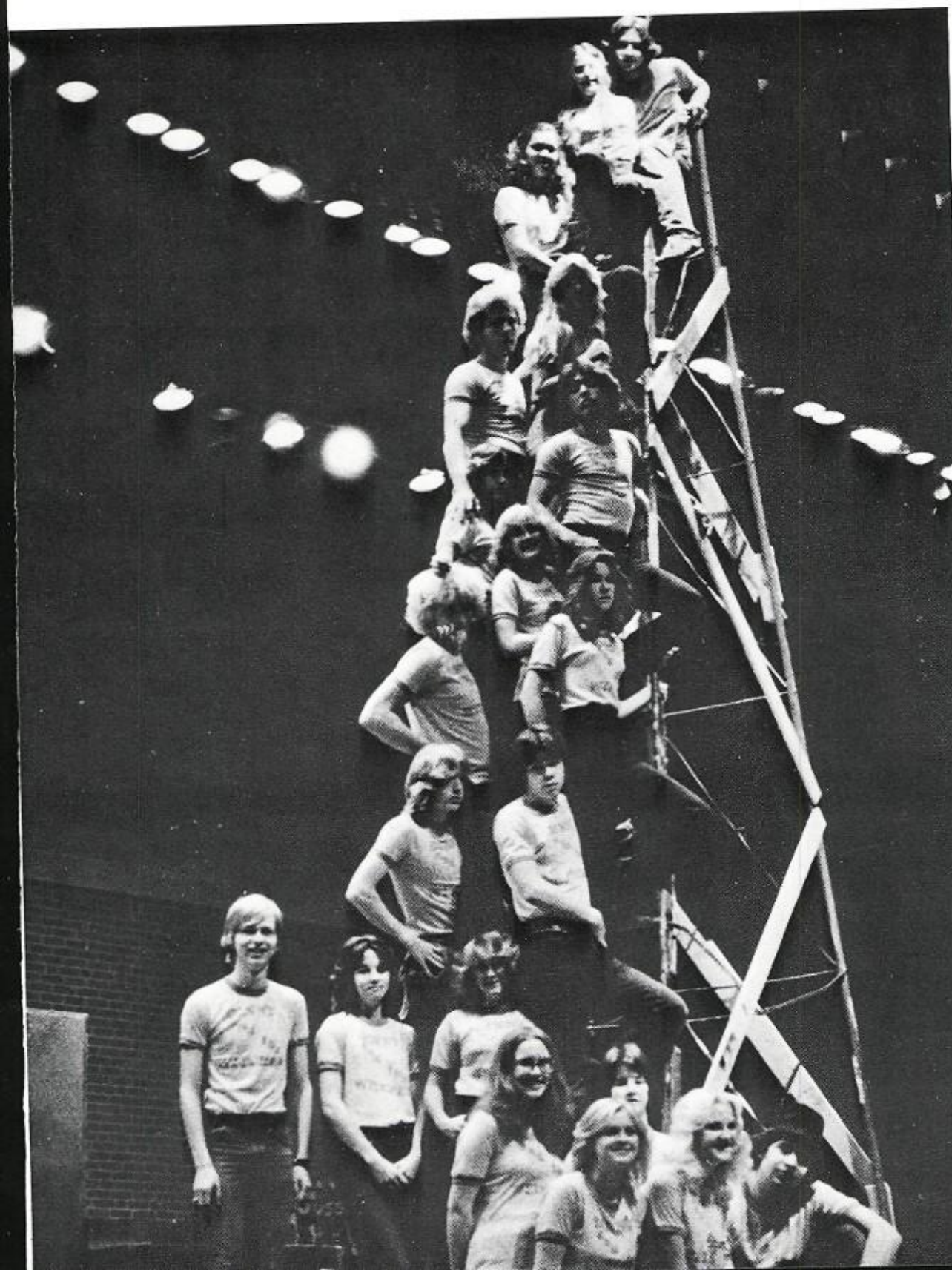
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1. Determined to make her point, Angela Stahl argues the opposite view during a practice debate.
2. Pantomime is all part of acting as Julie Youngblood and George Raines show their ability in the art.
3. Waiting on results proves very nerve-racking, but Kelly Gandy seems to relax with a Coke.
4. Extemporaneous speaking takes much discussion as Ms. Fran King and Rhonda Gillis look over a magazine.
5. "Oh! What a handsome creation!" Terry Hawkins and David Smith portray Amy and Denny in the UIL play *Denny and the Witches*.
6. *UIL One-Act Play Cast*. TOP TO BOTTOM: David Smith, Angela Stahl, Carrie Blondeau, Jan Masters, Randy Davis, David Armandarez, Debbie Dempsey, Laurie Stevens, Steve Couch, Tracy Freed, Roger Abbott, Mike Harris, Tony Redman, Betty Dudley, Terrie Hawkins, Rebecca Lawrence, Sharon Smith, Maria Watson, Kelly Gandy, Mike Pennell.
7. Organization is the key to Rusty Thomas and Michelle Derrick's success in debate.

Sweet-tarts enhance daily life of staffers

"Gary, where are the Sweet-tarts?!" somebody hollered in seventh period Flashlight just as Lochy Larson came dancing in the room to the self-sung tune of "I go to Rio" (normally a hit by Pablo Cruise). As usual, the room was in its chaotic state, as were the students . . . with reason. After all, it was the last class of the day and being such an abnormal one, it truly affected the gullible students who unknowingly got themselves into the mess.

Ah, but life in the Flashlight Office wasn't just Sweet-tarts and music and all the other chaotic occurrences; it was also good-bye Saturday and after-school free time before deadlines. The tensions were high with Sweet-tarts being replaced with Cokes from the workroom and music enhanced with heavy sighs and dreaded reminders from the sponsor, Mrs. Vickie Weir. The small chalkboard held important notes like "I need pic's," "late copy . . ." and "Hello!" often the only tie of communication between Flashlight classes. The room was at its peak as far as messes go, and would more than likely stay in that state until the final deadline was met.

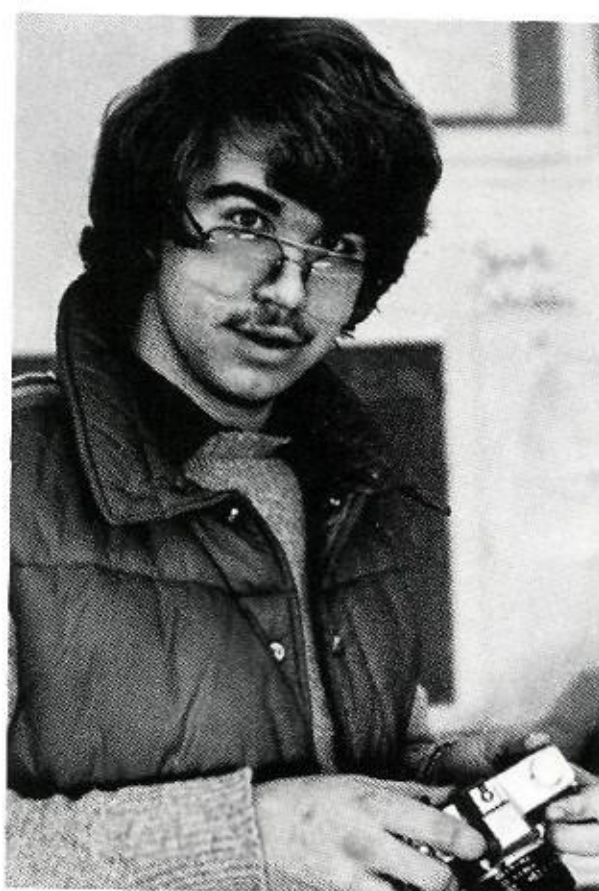
In the darkroom the photographers either sat alone printing pictures and developing negatives or sat talking with someone who was bored in the FO and came for refuge.

Spaced sparingly along the way were the out-of-town seminars in Denton and Austin where staffers also discovered how well they had competed in various critiqued events. Matt Robinson and Key Gee discovered in Denton they both won first place in state with photographs from the 1978 annual. Matt was awarded in the color-feature photo division, and Key won the feature photo division. The book itself placed third in state in its division. The Austin trip was even more exciting than the trip to Denton. The participants dined at the Magic Time Machine one night and during the day went to seminars held at the University of Texas to hopefully pick up some yearbook pointers in improving their book. But still hovering over their heads was the fact their book was still not completed, and another deadline was drawing closer.

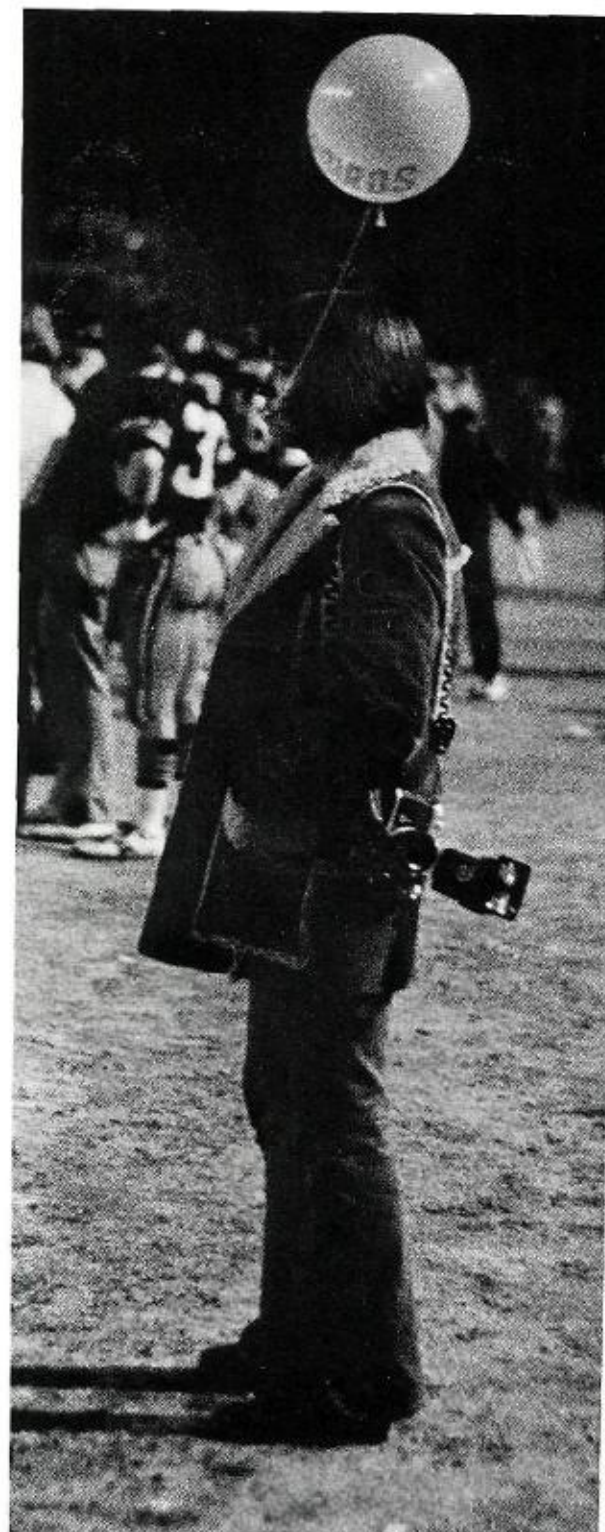
It took a lot of work to tell the story of the life at AHS during the 1978-'79 school year and of world and city-wide events as they touched the lives of the Abilene High students. However, the challenge was boldly faced with specific goals in mind to be met by the Flashlight staff.



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1. Hung in the Flashlight Office after the futile attempts of posting it for a pep rally are Lori Ricker and Diana Greer's efforts.

2. *Flashlight Staff*—FRONT ROW: Lochy Larson, Steve Scales, David Ross, Martha Pittman, Mike Gladish, Mrs. Vickie Weir. SECOND ROW: Rhonda Gillis, Carrie Thorne, Gary Kinder, Greg Ray. BACK ROW: Rene Decker, Don Taylor, Teresa Mowry, Cheryl Ridgway, Delores Stokes, George Raines, Lori Richer, Matt Robinson, Susan Taylor, Jerry Brooks.

3. Thinking on catchy, new angles, Rene Decker learns of the toils brought on by deadlines.

4. Caught loading his camera, Matt Robinson prepares for a busy day.

5. Celebrating Homecoming as much as possible with his balloon, David Ross watches for a catchable moment to photograph.

6. Working towards the deadline goal, Naka Hernandez enjoys the company of staffer Debbie Flores.

7. Disgusted at all of the work right before deadline, Martha Pittman takes time out to relax while Debra Grant looks through her negative file.

1978-'79 Flashlight Staff

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Artist: Don Taylor

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Adviser: Mrs. Vickie Weir

Newspaper staffers inform student body

Students were bi-weekly charged up from their regular, dull, ho-hum run of the mill life with the issuing of Abilene High's very own newspaper, the *Battery*.

School events were always kept up to date in the *Battery* which was used as a major source of information on school happenings. The *Battery* was always in demand by the students at AHS.

Abilene High students received the *Battery* bi-weekly, and special editions were printed for holidays and special events. The special editions usually ran eight pages, whereas the regular edition ran four.

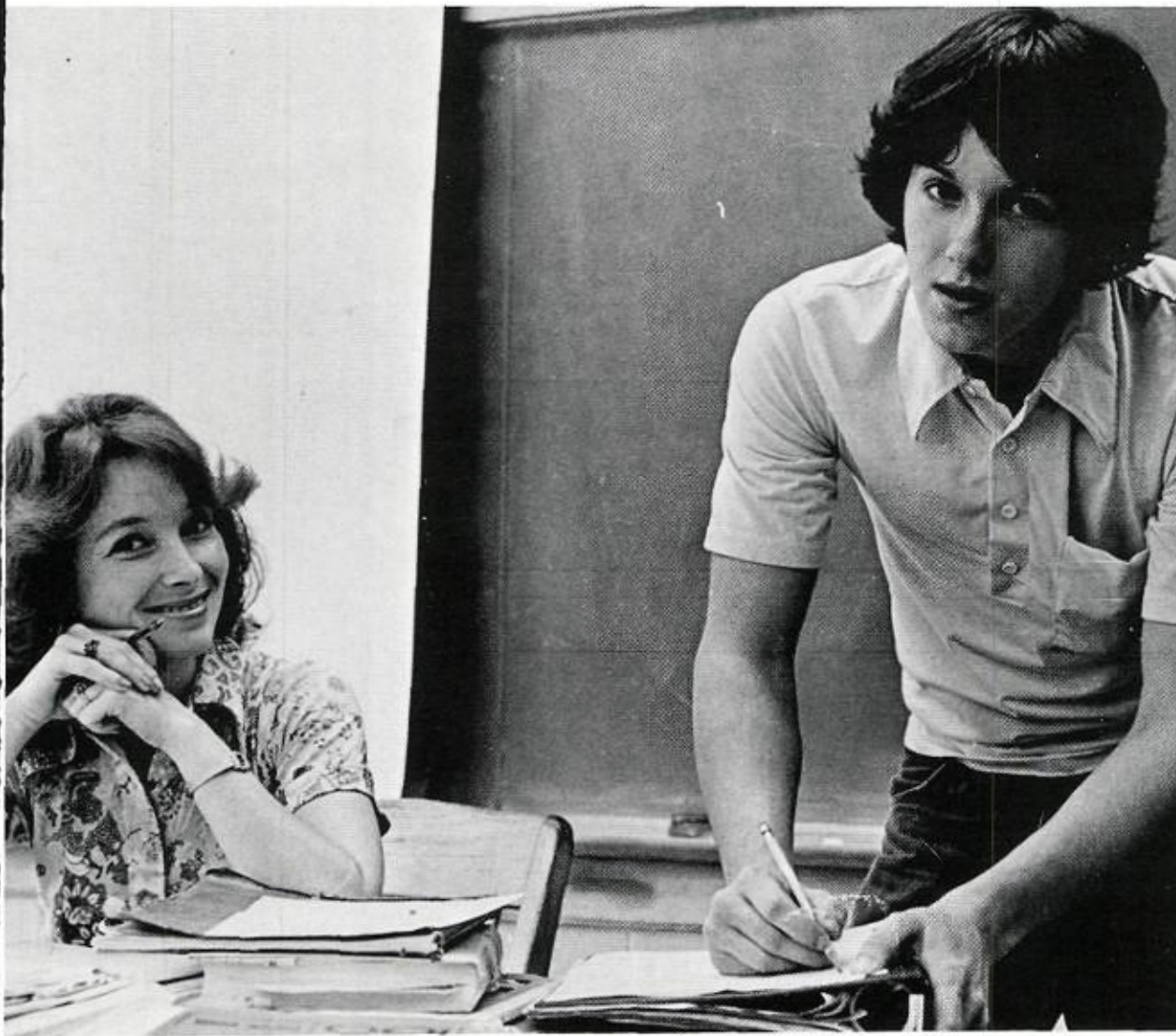
Battery staffers worked extra hard to get valuable information to the students. Sometimes staffers spent extra hours getting and reporting the news.

Production of the *Battery* took every minute of a staffer's time. As soon as the production of one issue was finished, another was immediately started.

Selling of ads to businesses was the *Battery's* main source of income. Except for a helpful boost from the school administration, the financing of the *Battery* depended on the advertising bought by different businesses.

As editor of the *Battery*, Chuck Mitchell did an excellent job. In a contest held before UIL, Chuck placed first in editorial writing and fourth in news writing. Also aiding the staff was sponsor and teacher, Mrs. Marie Yaeger.





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1. Stopping long enough to smile for the camera, Eileen Greever works on a story for the *Battery*.
2. Typing newspaper copy for an oncoming issue, Sharyl Young checks for mistakes.
3. Practicing one of the journalistic tools, Dwane Parker interviews Mrs. Linda Hoefer.
4. *Battery Staff*. FRONT ROW: Simone Youngblood, Betsy Amador, Karen Burton, Terri Harris. SECOND ROW: Jill High, JoAnna McClellan, Jere Madison, Angela Yarbrough, Mike Blackwell. THIRD ROW: Dwane Parker, Chuck Mitchell, Angela Northrup, Seth Smith, Joe Cortez. BACK ROW: Steve Winkler, Buck Land, Tommy Thompson, Laura Ham.
5. Balancing the books, business manager Angela Yarbrough carefully checks the funds.
6. Working studiously, Betsy Armador and Anita Ray labor on articles for the *Battery*.



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1. *Exchange Club*. FRONT ROW: Karen Knight, Steve Winkler, Barbara Owen, Felix Garcia, Martha Pittman, Joy Hulett, Tammy Cook, Dawn Bourland, Greg Hodges. BACK ROW: Scott Orr, Jon Love.

2. Selling basketball programs, Linda Montez and Felix Garcia raise funds for the Exchange Club's trip to Mexico.

3. Dean Nichols and other sponsors enjoy Spanish music at the home of Jaime J. Newton Gonzales.

4. Mariachis provided entertainment for Abileneans at a farewell party.

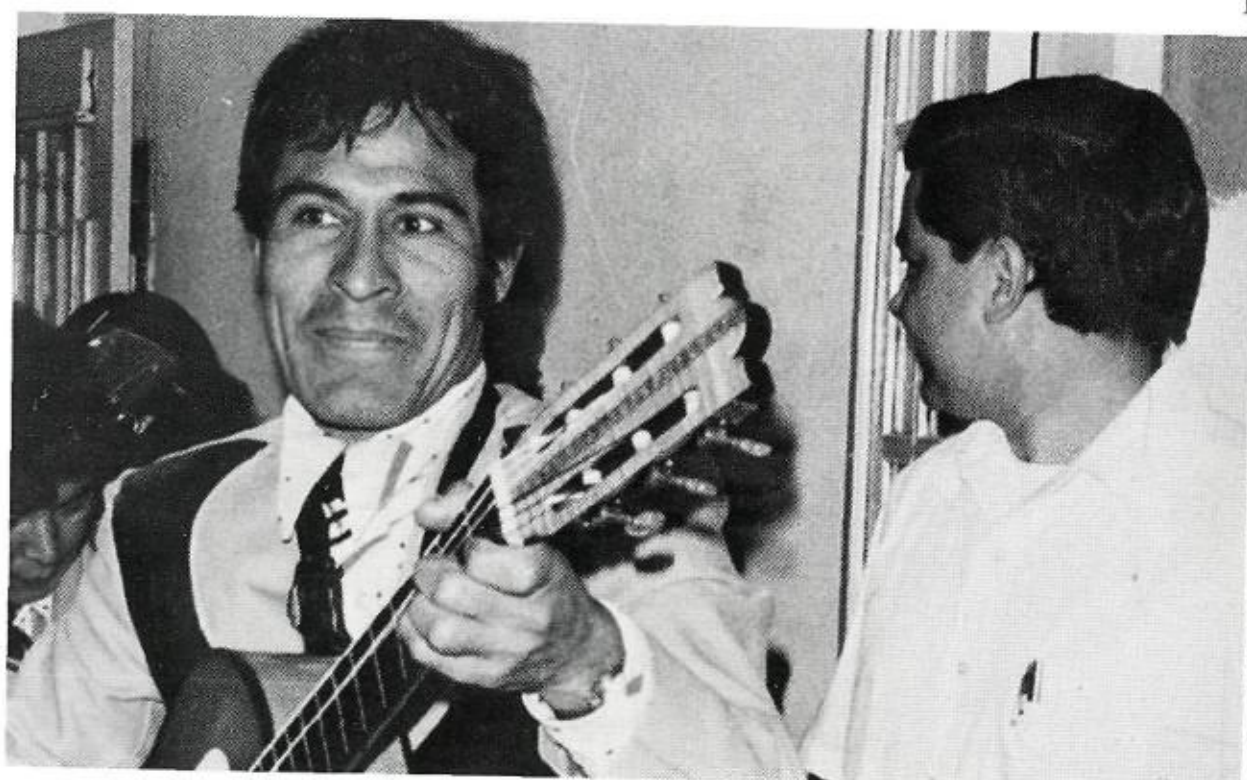
5. Many new friends were made during the week of the Mexican trip, and one friendship was between Juan Hosea and Karen Knight.

6. Relaxing in the home of one of the Mexican sponsors are Mr. Ron Esman and Steve Winkler.

7. Lots of music and dancing make the last night in Monterrey a memorable one.



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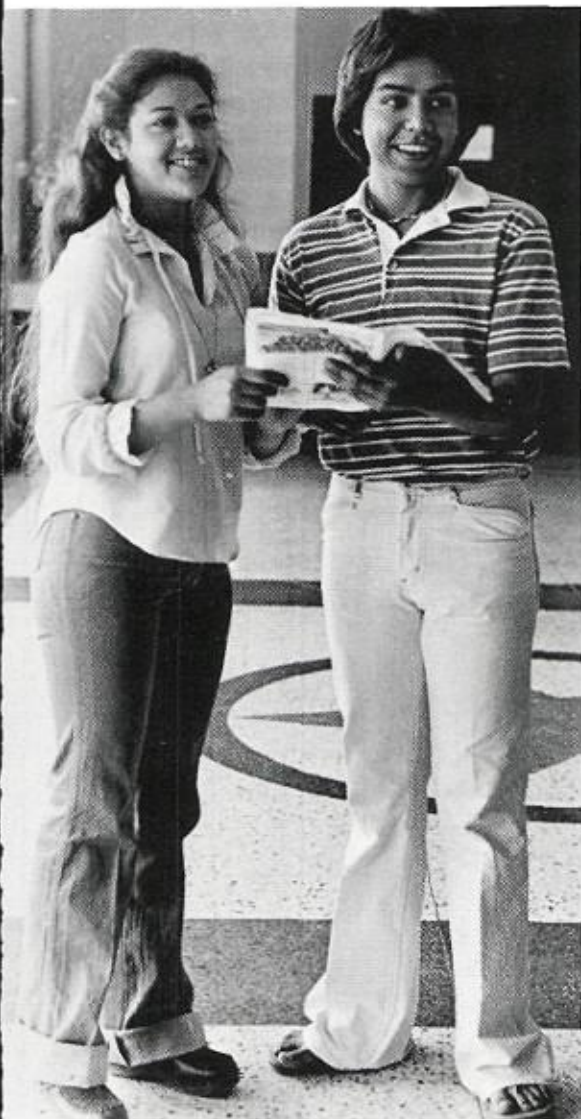
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Adios, Abilene High; Buenos dias, Mexico

Exciting adventures, fantastic travels and exotic cultures sounded somewhat like a navy commercial. Yet for students in the Abilene High Exchange Club, these words were an attempt to express the whole aspect behind the club. While the most apparent purpose of the Exchange Club was to exchange places with another club during the year, the club offered numerous fund raising to keep members busy and anxious for their exchange trip.

Just joining the club did not automatically include a student on the big exchange. After participants filled out applications, they went through a rigorous battery of recommendation and scholastic averaging before the final ye or nay.

All the sweat and bother was finally made up by the two big functions. During Homecoming week, the club received a group of students from Monterrey, Mexico. For the week, exchange students opened their homes to the foreign visitors, giving them a taste of life in the USA. Although many of the

foreign students spoke little English, they soon found their places, especially after becoming honorary citizens of Abilene.

As the year advanced, Exchange Club members sold programs at the basketball games to fund the upcoming trip to Mexico.

Finally the day arrived. Early in the morning the travelers boarded the vans which took them to the D/FW airport where they embarked on a week of cultural experience in Mexico.

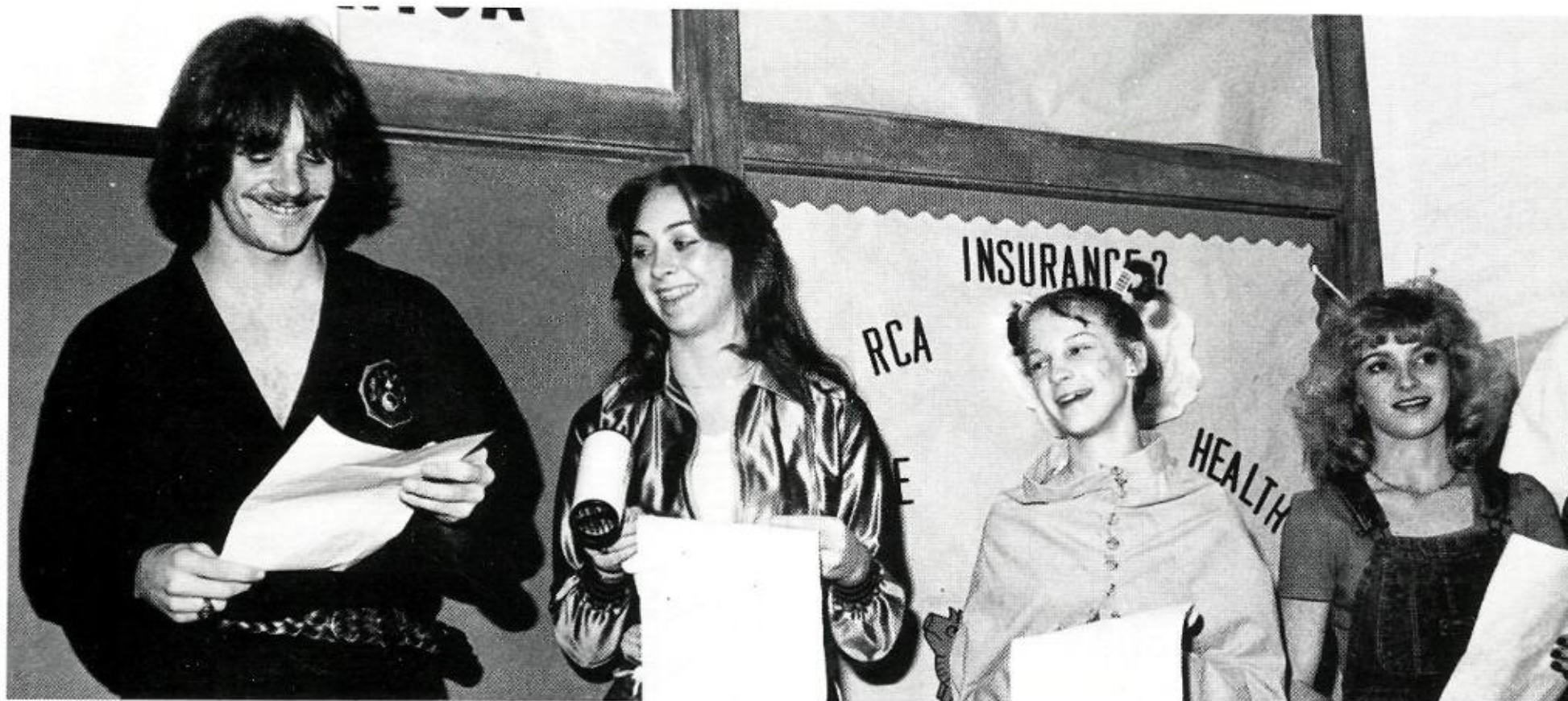
While there, they found a new world of aromas, feelings, tastes and sights. In spite of the language barrier, they were indoctrinated into the world of Mexico. There they found life was run by a new set of rules and standards.

Although the language and customs were different, the Abilene students found that the Mexicans were people with much the same wants and needs as they had.

With much work and many problems overcome, the rewards and memories acquired were those that would last a lifetime.



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Highly educated gain added fun, enjoyment

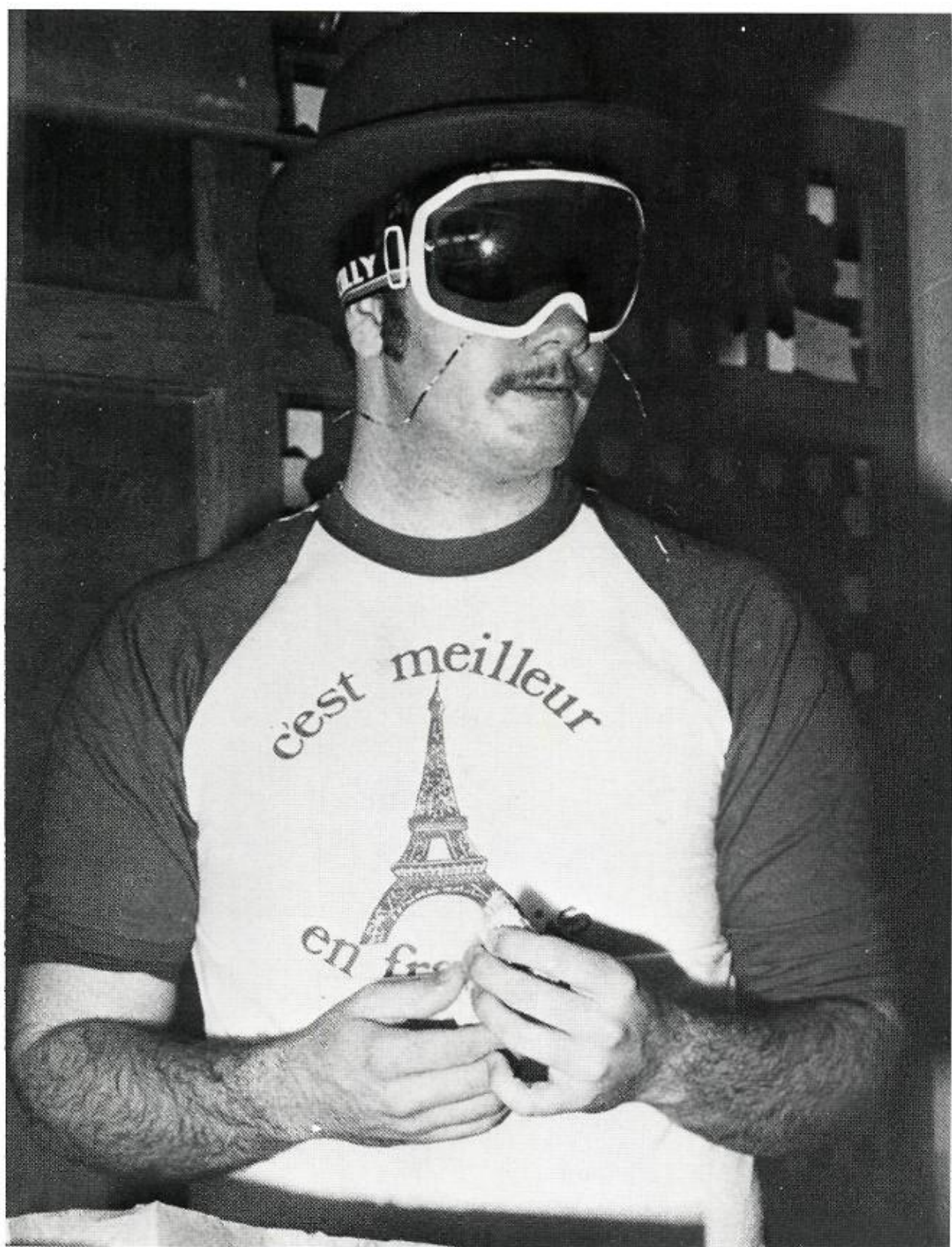
Was academic life always boring? For some students, maybe it was, but for one group of students life was exceptional academically as well as socially. The 86 members of National Honor Society stayed extremely busy maintaining high scholastic grades and improving school social life.

For example during Homecoming, the NHS held a reception in the cafeteria for Abilene High ex's. To continue with the Homecoming festivities, honor students sold balloons all day Friday. These balloons were released later that night at the Homecoming game. During that week at Sing-Song, NHS received second place for costumes and first place with vocal singing.

Other social events that were held during the year included a retreat to Buffalo Gap and a picnic held on May 3 where new officers were announced, and new members were inducted for the coming year.

Highlighting social activities for the year, the Valentine Post Office served students with the theme "Valentine Galactica." "Foreign creatures" delivered flowers, candy and valentines to students at AHS to immortalize the special day. In addition to these activities, hayrides, parties and meetings took up much of the members' time.

Even as active as NHS was, students still had to maintain a 3.8 average and a constant "A" in citizenship grades. Naturally every NHS member felt strenuous work was worth it since the National Honor Society had a highly successful year.





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1. Close encounters of the third kind, Lon Jones, Kathy Martin, Kathleen Thompson, and Tracie Johnson make definite impressions on Valentine's Day.
2. NHS Officers. Steve Fenner, Venita Teaff, Glenn Owens, Angie Northrup and Jeff Smith.
3. Mimicking the creature from the Black Lagoon, NHS Mark Hoover bears a close resemblance while dressed in his VPO drab.
4. Appearing incognito, Craig Letz, is Captain Fantastic for NHS Valentine Post Office.
5. Serving punch at the Homecoming reception for the exes is one of the duties performed by NHS member Kathy Martin.
6. Massed together, the Abilene High Chapter of the National Honor Society gathers on the auditorium steps.



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French, Latin students gain college prep

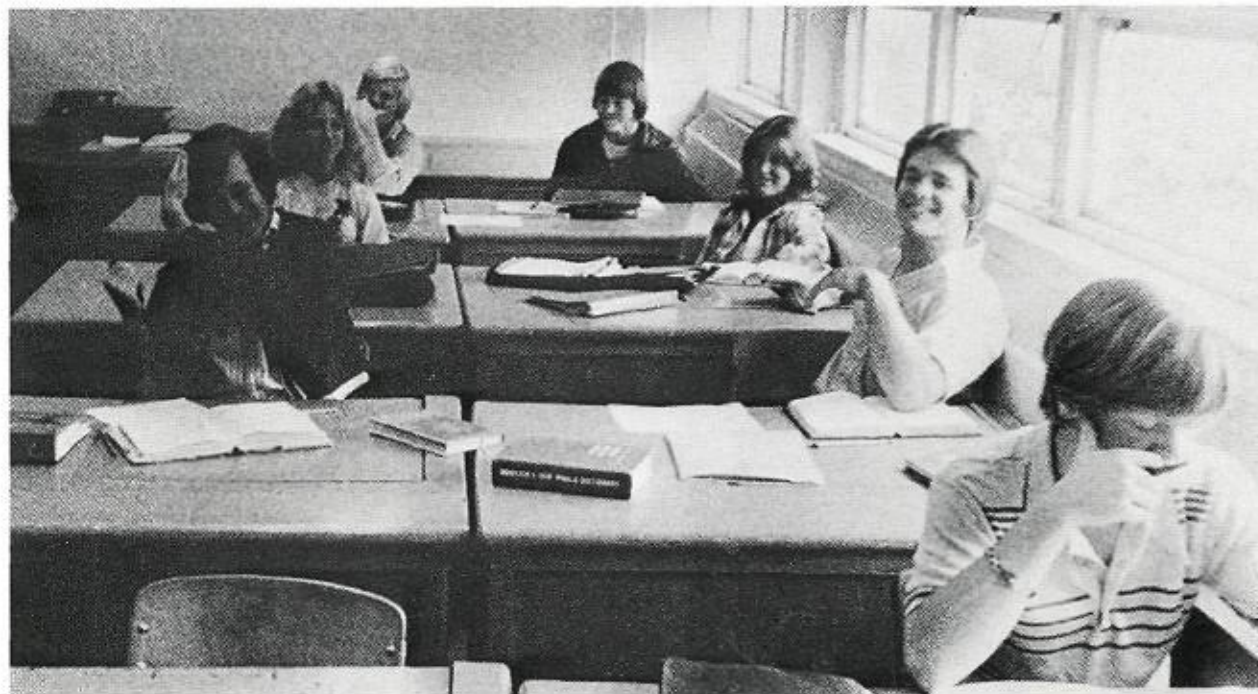
Although the average student did not know the connection between English, French and Latin, one definitely existed. French and English both had a common origin—Latin. Therefore, speaking French may have sounded hard, but Miss Sherri Hansen, French teacher at AHS, said that it was not, since many of the words were similar to English.

Along with learning the French language, the French culture was studied as well. After being totally enhanced by the French lifestyle, many French students longed for first-hand experience in the culture. With the guidance of their sponsor, Miss Hansen, the French Club went to Quebec, Canada on March 16. They stayed at the Chateau Frontenac and ate at many of the finer French restaurants. They also had a chance to try out some of the French they had learned. To continue learning about the lan-

guage and the culture, they also attended a French symposium held in San Antonio where knowledge of the French culture and language was tested against that from other schools.

But French was not the only language related to English. Latin, one of the oldest languages was used as a basis for many other languages including French, English and Spanish. Even though Latin had been considered a dead language, many students who planned on becoming doctors or going into medical careers, took the classes because Latin was the written language used in the medical world.

In spite of the reasons for taking a foreign language, either for fun or to get an edge over other college-bound students, the challenge of a second language was met with the choices often being French and Latin.



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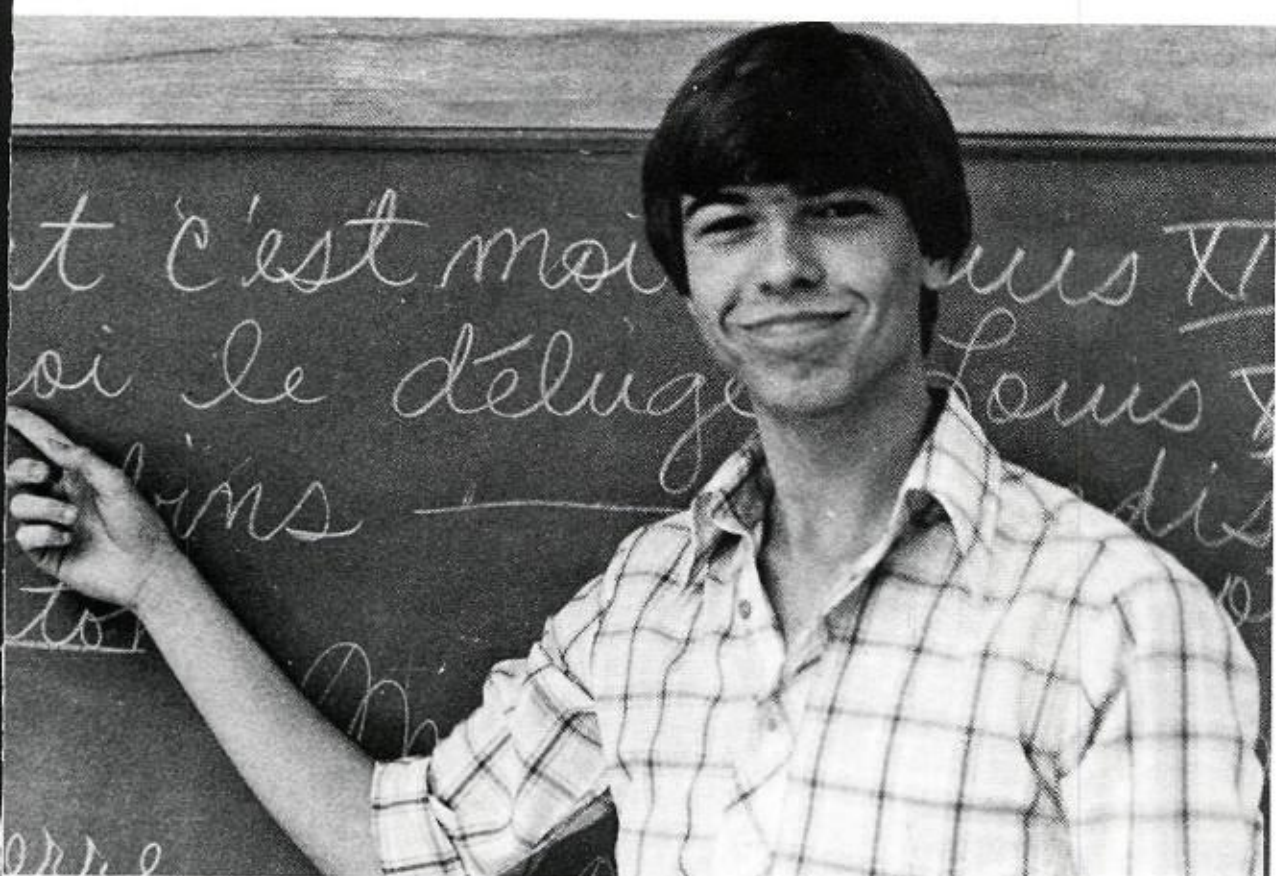
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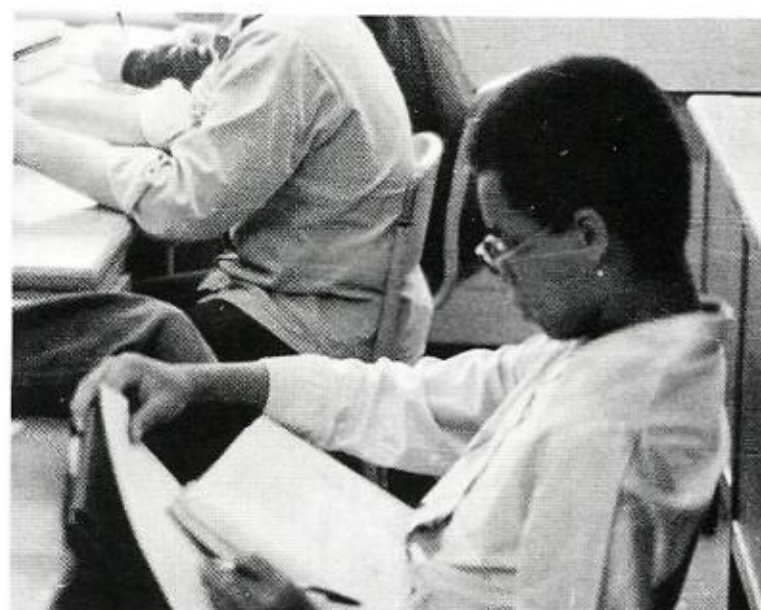


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1. Relaxing during studies, Latin class takes a break.
2. With an eye for fashion, Tracy Linder wears a dress she made which received high honors at the French symposium.
3. It may resemble a pencil sharpener, but actually it's a miniature model of the notorious guillotine. John Thompson demonstrates its purpose.
4. In the shape of the French fleur de lis is the French club and sponsor, Ms. Sherrie Hansen.
5. Reviewing his French, Russel Sanders grins at a mistake.
6. Extremely serious about his work, Tony Wilson reviews for a Latin test.



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1. Spanish and Latin art is observed by Darla Bridges.
2. Keeping busy with many activities, the German Club poses for a group picture.
3. Watching over merchandise, Mrs. Maria Griffith helps customers at a German Club garage sale.
4. Perfecting her pronunciation, Simone Youngblood practices Spanish diction.
5. Determined to have her students comprehend the Spanish language, Ms. Linda Collins explains an assignment.



German, Spanish part of Texas culture

Hable español? Sprechen Sie Deutsch, bitte?

Common expressions heard when visiting Mexico or Germany were encountered at Abilene High in Spanish and German classes I, II and III taught by Mrs. Linda Collins and Mrs. Maria Griffith, respectively. Both classes were aimed towards college prep but undertaken by both college bound students and others.

"Most students use Spanish as a college prep course, but they can use it in every day communication with citizens that do not speak English well, especially in a work situation," as expressed by Ms. Linda Collins as one of the purposes of enrollment in Spanish. The same applied to classes in German.

The aspects studied in classes included the cultures, folklore, customs and history of the respective countries.

Participation excelled in both the German and Spanish clubs as students contributed time into the making of a successful year.

The highlighted event in which the German Club participated in was the annual Oktoberfest in which students presented a German meal and competed in the areas of desserts, poetry reading, singing, skits, projects and costumes.

In essence, the same type of program was conducted by the Spanish Club. The annual Christmas Party held by the Spanish Club gave students a sample of Mexican cultures and food.

As students attempted to understand cultures faced every day, it was agreed that the study of foreign cultures helped minimize the vastness of barriers.



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Harmonizing key factor in students' lives

Webster defined singing as "the uttering of sounds with melodious modulations of the voice." The Abilene High School Choral department did just that. Students participated in Concert Choir, Harmony, and a new addition to the department, the Barbershop Men's Chorus.

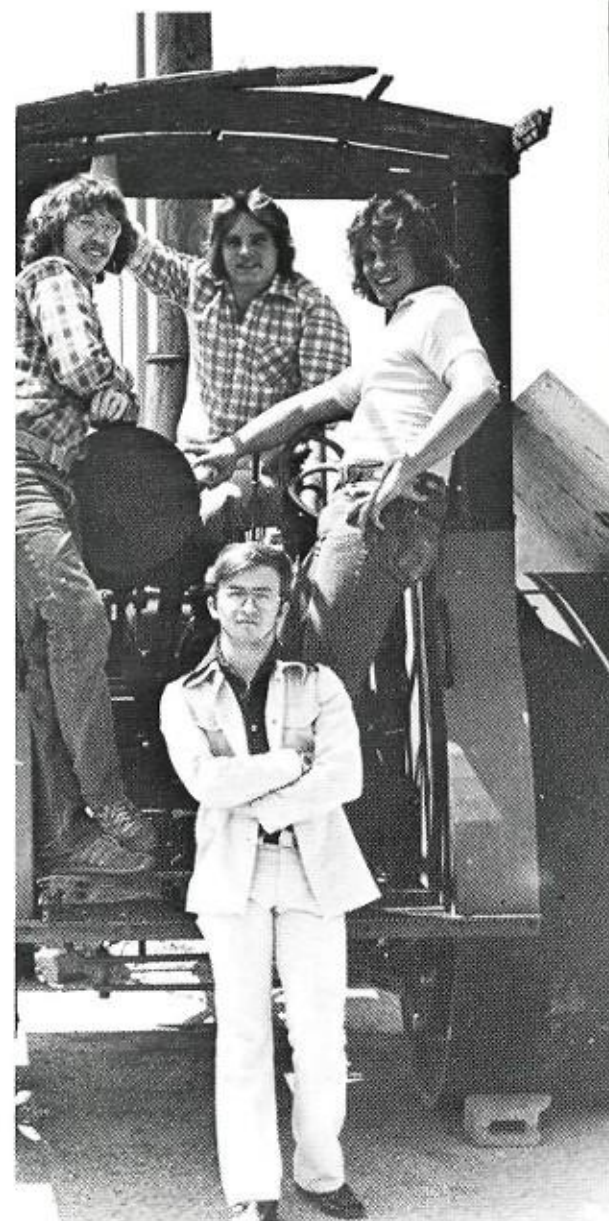
The forty-six members of the Concert Choir were chosen all by audition and by teacher selection. Choir director, Mr. Danny Hood, stressed the importance of developing the students' musical ability and also developing their art of listening. Concert choir members sang music that reached a higher degree of difficulty.

In addition to singing for numerous civic organizations, the Concert Choir performed a Christmas concert at Citizens National Bank which was broadcasted over all local radio stations, and a joint concert with the McMurry Chanters and the Cooper Choir on April 26. As a reward for all of their efforts, the AHS Concert Choir received a number one at the Six Flags Festival and the Sweepstakes prize at UIL competition.

Other crooners at Abilene High were members of Harmony. There were nine members in the 1978-'79 group with all of the vocalists meeting the requirement of being a senior. These students studied the entertainment aspect of music as opposed to the aesthetic aspect. After practicing for several weeks during seventh period, the group performed for several service organizations, junior highs, banquets, and area high schools. All told the popular group held over thirty performances.

A new addition to the Choral Department was the Barbershop Mens' Chorus. With only seventeen members, the chorus received a two in UIL competition in concert and sight reading. The Barbershoppers harmonized at the annual Barbershop show at the Civic Center, at the San Angelo pep rally, and at the Christmas and Spring concerts.

Webster was right. When it came to uttering melodious modulations of the voice, the Abilene High Choral Department had the do, re, mi's down pat.



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1. *Barbershop Men's Chorus Officers*. James Potter (President), James Talley (Secretary), Thomas Moses (Librarian), Steve Knippa (Vice President).

2. *Concert Choir*. FRONT ROW: Maria Watson, Joy Hulett, Angela Yarbrough, Benny Shelley, Karen Fuller, Melinda Fox, Melinda George, Cynthia Rosser, Denise Mayhall, Dorothy McFarland, Kathy Steuler, Laura Mosley, Penny Gragg, Karen Knight, Barbra Owens, Julie Salmon. SECOND ROW: Kelly Robinson, Randy Storey, Chuck Bohannon, Leland Harden, James Potter, Felix Garcia, Tony Redman, Alan Woods, John Sherman, Kenneth Bailey, Steve Knippa, Jake Holt, Mark Hoover, Tim Broyles, Clay Hale. BACK ROW: Sarah Pogue, Tim Baxter, Jill Middleton, Joanna Crawford, Charlie Collins, Laura Craig, Kathy Martin, Steven Winkler, Caryn Thompson.

3. Jumping for joy at the thought of performing, Tim Baxter shows his excitement during a rehearsal for spring concert.

4. *Concert Choir Officers*. FRONT ROW: Denise Mayhall (Secretary), Clay Hale (President), Melinda Fox (Vice President). BACK ROW: Felix Garcia (Treasurer), Charlie Collins (Librarian), John Sherman (Librarian).

5. *Harmony*. FRONT ROW: Maria Watson, Karen Knight, Kathy Martin, Marie Noe. BACK ROW: Ben Gonzales, Tim Broyles, John Sherman, Steven Winkler, Randy Story.

6. *Barbershop Men's Chorus*. FRONT ROW: Tray Wright, James Potter. SECOND ROW: Steve Knippa, Tommy Withers, William Bynom, Thomas Moses, Joe Mitchell, Kenneth Hampton, Steven Powell, Tony Redman, Chuck Bohannon, Kevin Greenway. BACK ROW: Glen Grant, Michael Balancier, James Talley, Ricky Edwards.



1. *Sophomore Select Choir*. FRONT ROW: Philip Marshall, Leticia Pinon, Lannell Sutton, Rosie Sanchez, Penny Shewmaker, Benita Burnett, Melanie Nelson, Lohnita Teeters, Scott Wood, Rene Decker, Jay Dennis, Terry Hagler, Melanie Chatman, Dixie Fransico, Donna Cooley, Jeff Harper, Kara Parker, Shaun Howe, Ned Smith, Susan Craig, Kathy Burton, Eddie Ragle, Sherri Rhodes, Kyle Crissman, Barbra Martin, Latricia Crosthwaite, Joe Garcia, Nicky Phipps, Lisa Wheeler, Susan Blankenship, Christene Wrobel, Joe Brown, Celeste Curtis, Lennette Hartwig, Phillip Prestidge, Melanie Smith.

2. *Sophomore Select Choir Officers*. Joe Garcia (Vice President), Laura Ham (Secretary), Sherri Rhodes (President).

3. Showing off the Sophomore Select plaque, Lisa Wheeler and Jay Dennis also received I in UIL competition.

4. Striving for a better sound, Mr. Danny Hood directs Concert Choir.

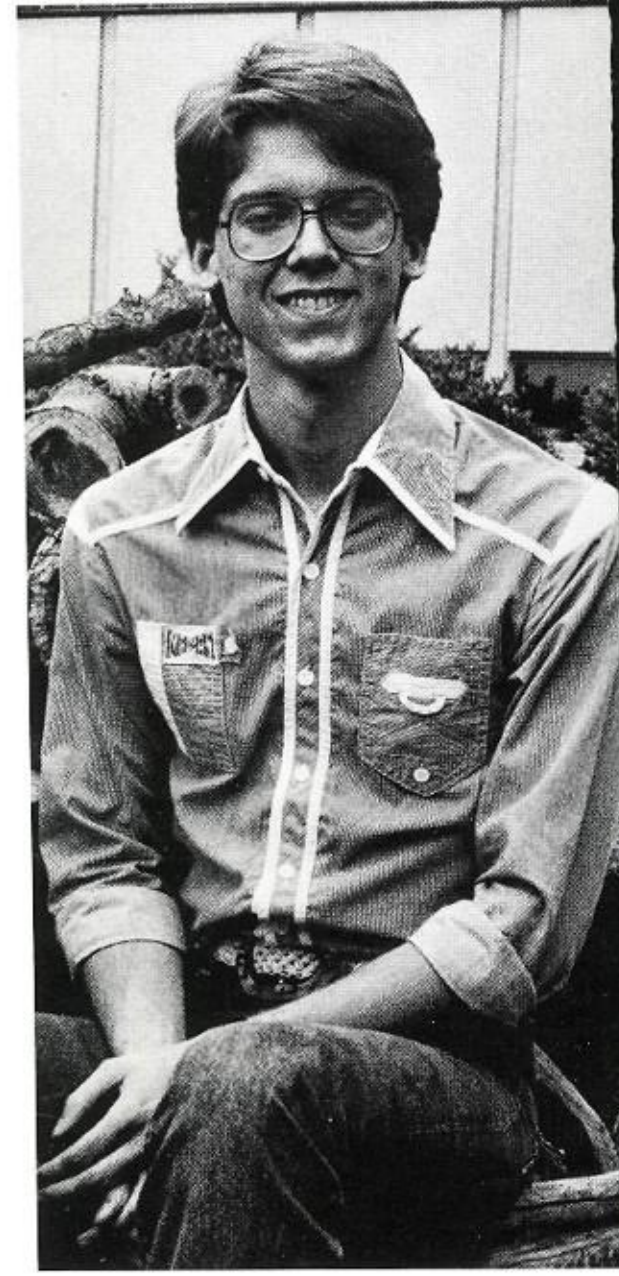
5. Representing Abilene High, Clay Hale was the only AHS musician to go to State.

6. *All Regional Choir*. FIRST ROW: Marcia Watson, Kathy Martin, Melanie Smith, Melinda Fox, Penny Gragg, Laura Craig, Karen Knight, Benny Shelly, Dorothy McFarland. BACK ROW: Steve Knippa, Tony Redman, Dennis Latrip, Steve Winkler, Felix Garcia, Clay Hale, Leland Harden, Mark Hoover, Charlie Collings.

7. *Area Choir Members*. Mark Hoover, Dorothy McFarland, Melanie Smith, Laura Craig, Felix Garcia, Clay Hale, Penny Gragg.



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Diligence of choral department pays off

Fierce competition charged the air with an almost tangible tension as sophomores lined up for UIL choir competition that took place at the Abilene Civic Center March 13, 1979. After performing concert music and sight reading material, the choir came out on top with a sweepstakes trophy. The choir members found out that hard work and a lot of instruction could pay off.

Earlier in the year, concert choir and sophomore select had the opportunity to try out for All State Choir consisting of the top vocalists from all over the state. First, vocalists went to district competition, and 31 members scored well. They then moved on to regional and the area competitions. If a musician advanced that far, he then competed in state competition for the top three positions in All State Choir. Both choirs together had 20 musicians go to regional competition and then five students make it to area choir.

Clay Hale was the only vocalist to make All State Choir and represented Abilene High well.

Mr. Danny Hood, choral director, worked hard to stress that vocal technique and deep breathing from the diaphragm was the key to a successful choir. He displayed this whenever the choir performed their dynamic skills. The choir performed a Christmas concert. Turning from a somber note set by the Christmas concert, the sophomore select choir performed a melody of popular pop music for the spring concert.

All three of the Abilene High choirs worked hard and put forth their greatest efforts. The choirs also found that patience and working together was the key to a successful choir.



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1. *Marching Band.* FRONT ROW: Linda Ables, Darla Hammons, Andrea Ruebush, Reggie James, Tracy Linder, Gina Nichols, Suzanne Hickey, Patsy McMurray, Susan Taylor, Tony Wilson, Julie Salmon, Melinda George. SECOND ROW: Leigh Ann Manis, Ricky Chatham, Anita Marquez, Tim Speigel, Kathy McAuliffe, Connie McDill, Vicki Hood, Clay Hale, Melody Grantham, Jay Dennis, Joe DeAnda, Cindy Guy, Nicky Phipps, Rene Martin, Katy Melton, Julie Reece, Rhogena Deathrage, Melanie Nelson, Cheryl Young, Kim Steele. THIRD ROW: Celeste Curtis, David Sauder, Daniel Villareal, Jesus Rodriguez, Gary Jones, Steve Mowry. BACK ROW: Ronnie Scutten, Danny Roach, Alex Vasquez, Richard Rogers, Greg Landry, Scott Sanderfer, Scott Orr, Charlie Collins, Phil Watson, Phillip Marshall, Rocky Champion, Dan Bordelon, Richard Bradford, Robert Sanders, Joe Garcia, John Hoef.

2. AHS drummers Richard Rogers, Scott Sanderfer and Greg Landry promote spirit by playing "The Beat" at a pep rally.

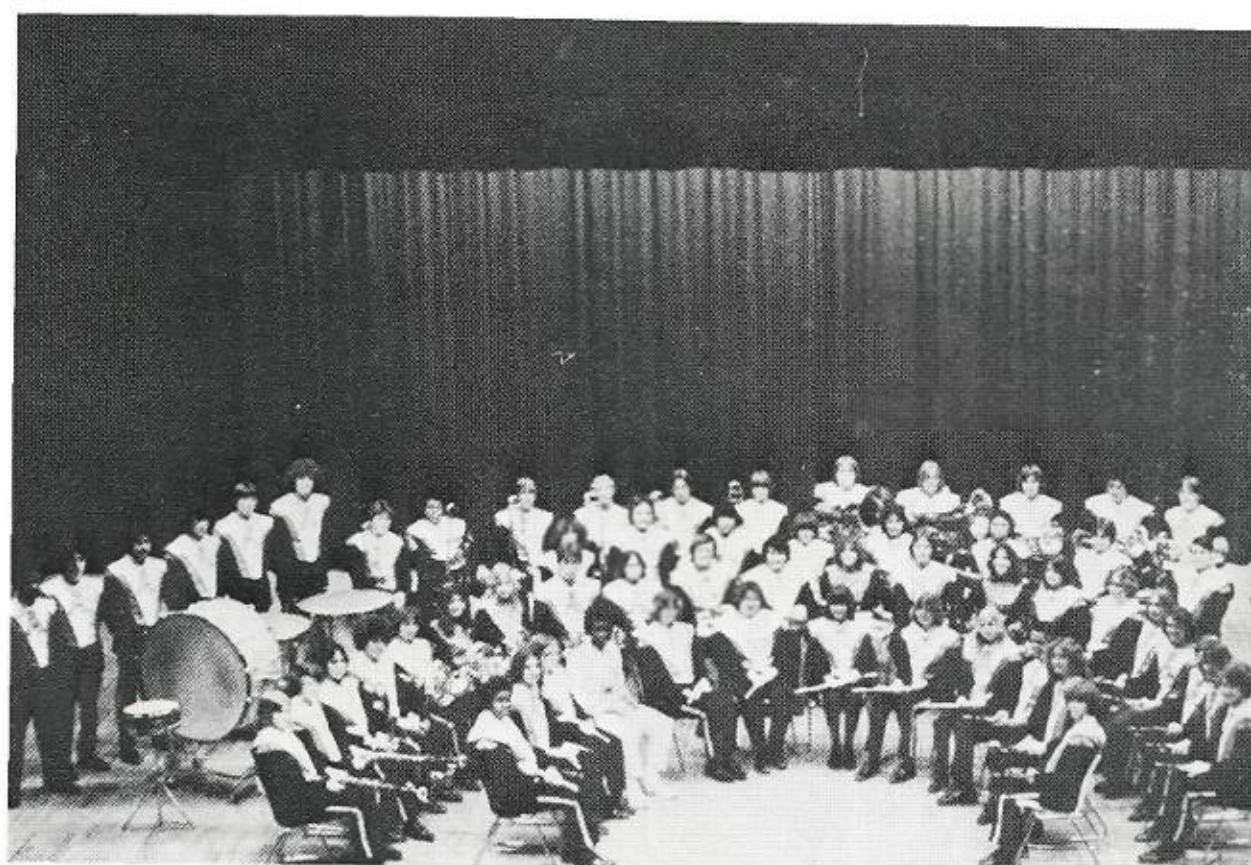
3. *Band Officers:* Richard Rogers (band captain), Phil Watson (first lieutenant), Charlie Collins (property sergeant), Darla Hammons (property sergeant), Richard Bradford (property sergeant), Melinda George (property sergeant), Tony Wilson (property sergeant).

4. Using a style all his own, Leland Harden, drum major, directs the band during a pep rally.

5. *Twirlers.* FRONT ROW: Rene Martin, Cindy Guy. BACK ROW: Vickie Hood, Tanja Watson, Laurie Stevens, Connie McDill.

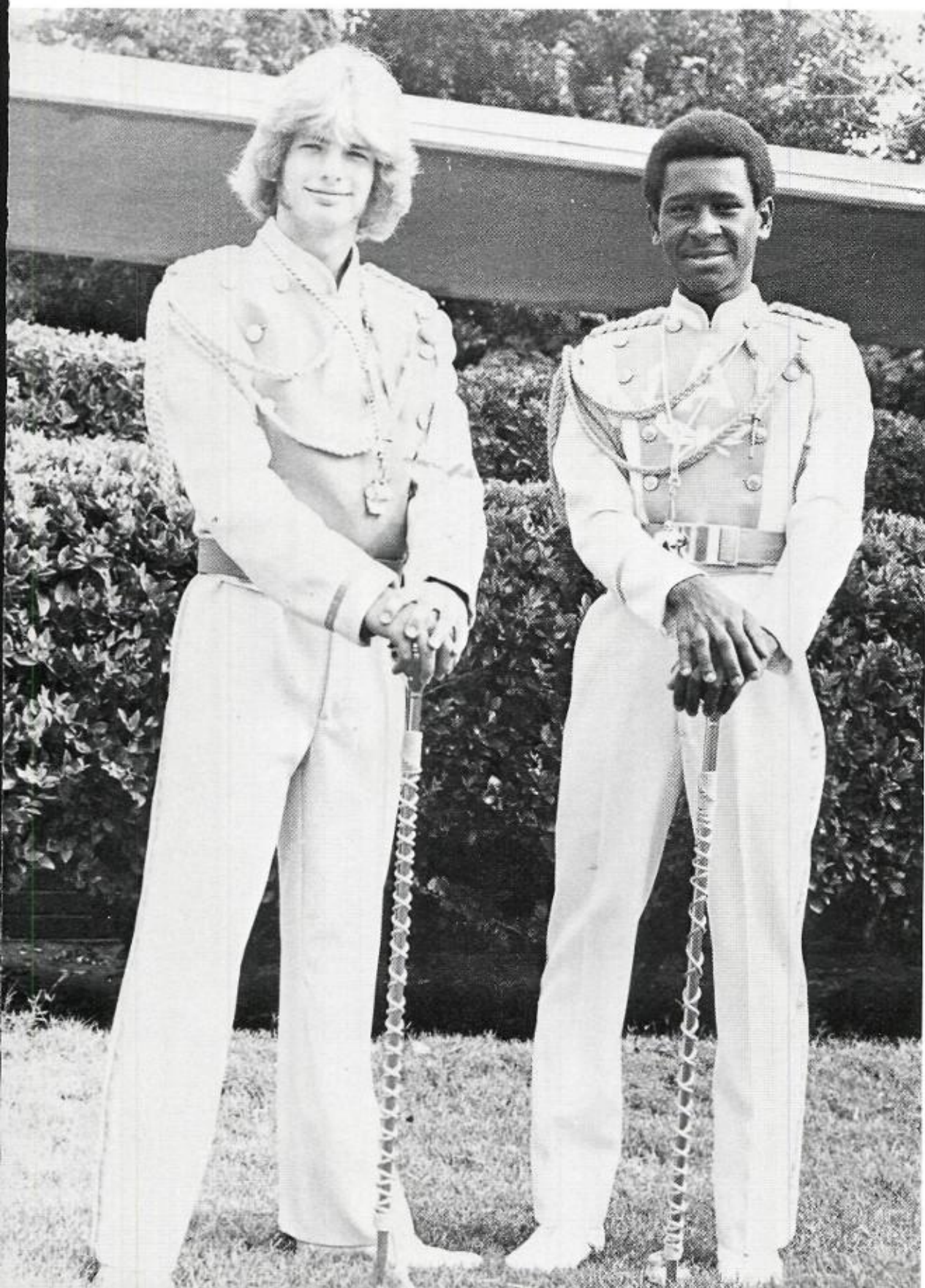
6. *Drum Majors.* Leland Harden, Reggie James.

7. Parading through the cold and the dew, AHS band members display determination.





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Band's talents tested in marching season

Finally, it was halftime. The tired, sweaty football players jogged up the ramp toward the locker room as band members were lining up along the sidelines. Drummers and twirlers took their places on one side while the rest of the band stood ready across the field. A shrill signal was given by the drum majors and Shotwell Stadium echoed with the slow, steady beat of the drum cadence. As the tempo increased, the AHS Eagle Band descended upon the field filling the stadium with music.

This typical halftime show took days of hard work to prepare. Band members spent up to five weeks of their summer working together under the direction of Mr. Bill Spencer. For two weeks beginning in June, sophomores attended summer band. Three weeks before school started in September, all band members practiced two to three hours daily, preparing for the first halftime show of the 1978-'79 school year. After school started, the band began marching practice every morning at 7:30 a. m. Even when temperatures ranged from 20 degrees F to 106 degrees F, the band could be found out on the drill field.

The band's activities were not limited to halftime shows. They performed at the UIL marching contest where they earned a first division rating. And of course, what would a pep rally be without the band? Each pep rally began with the band marching into the Eagle Gym as the cheerleaders led yells. Sitting at the end of the gym, the band played exciting music, helping cheerleaders and Eagle Squad to promote spirit among Abilene High students.



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Band makes waves at Arizona's Big Surf

What was the first thing that came to mind with the mention of the word "band"? Marching? Halftime shows? Pep rallies? Even though these things were common to most bands, the 1978-'79 Abilene High band did not limit its activities to football season. A Christmas concert, UIL contest, concerts for parents, and a trip to Phoenix were among the activities planned not only for the symphonic band, but for the concert and stage bands as well.

As the weather grew colder and the new year drew nearer, plans for the annual Christmas concert were being made. While many teenagers busied themselves with Christmas shopping, band students spent time rehearsing music and decorating the stage for the concert. The day of the concert came and so did Santa Claus, alias Mr. Lee Abernathy. Younger brothers and sisters of band students, along with children of some AHS teachers were on hand to tell Old St.

Nick their Christmas wishes in exchange for a candy cane.

When the icy holiday season was over and school was back in session, it was time to prepare for UIL competition. The stage band made first division ratings in concert and sight reading as did the symphonic band, which won a trophy for having superior ratings in the UIL marching contest earlier in the year.

For the symphonic band, which consisted mostly of juniors and sophomores, the highlight of the 1978-'79 school year was a trip to a music festival in Phoenix, Arizona. The band stayed in Phoenix, while the actual contest was at Mid-Western University in Tempe, a short distance away.

During their stay in Phoenix, band members had shopped, swum, played a concert and gone swimming at Big Surf. The students returned to Abilene exhausted and sunburned, but happy.





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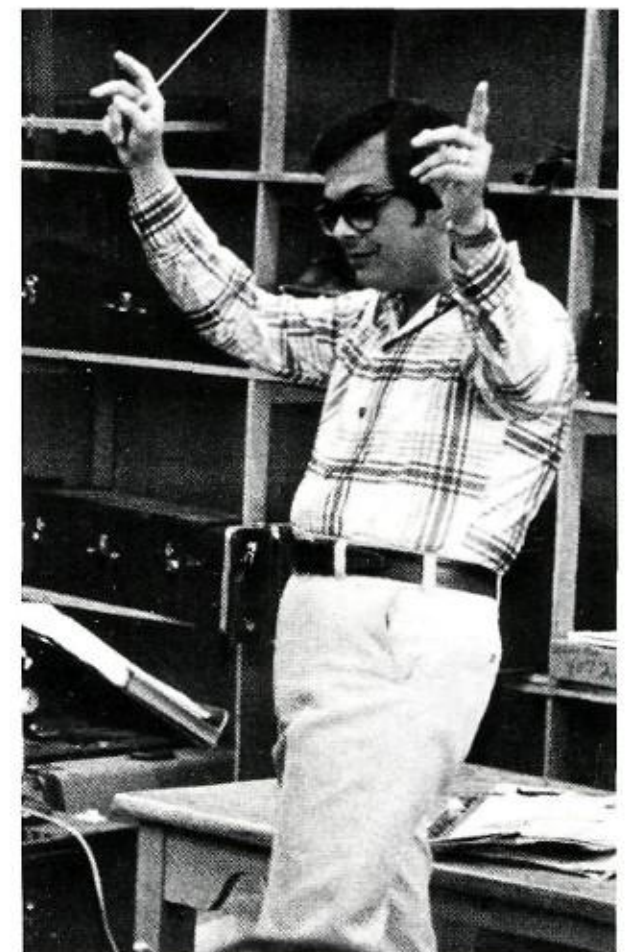


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1. Members of the concert band take a break between songs as Mr. Spencer searches for the next selection.
2. Playing the drums is Richard Rodgers' way of adding a contemporary beat to the sound of the AHS Jazz Band's music.
3. Adding the sound of trombones to the stage band are Charlie Collins and Daniel Anderson.
4. Playing saxophone with the stage band at a band booster's meeting are Leigh Ann Manis, Ricky Chatam, Gary House and Gary Jones.
5. Doing his own thing, Scott Sanderfer picks a mellow bass guitar as Ronnie Scotten adds his own beat.
6. Calming apprehensive children, Teresa Mowry prepares them to meet Santa at the symphonic band's annual Christmas concert.
7. Fulfilling his job as band director for Abilene High has been Mr. Bill Spencer's task for the past seven years.



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1. Concentration is a key ingredient to great music, and Stephen Clauch uses it to his advantage.

2. Watching Mrs. Linda Bratton's direction, Matt Craig improves his musical talent.

3. Practicing for the UIL contest, the orchestra strives for perfection in their music.

4. Laughter is a definite additive to orchestra, as Carrie Blondeau demonstrates while practicing for Philharmonic Orchestra.

5. Striving for perfection, Maggie Howell practices daily fourth period with other orchestra members.

6. *AHS Orchestra*. FRONT ROW: James Barker, Susan Boyd, Stephen Clauch, Beverly Edwards, Carrie Blondeau, Rebecca Lawrence. SECOND ROW: Matt Craig, Charles Lockhard, Joe Tecson, Louise Presscott, Barbara Abels, Michael Balanciere. BACK ROW: Lee Magness, Michael Wallonan, Angel Benavidez, Ann Ferguson, Linda White, Maggie Howell.

7. Accompanying the AHS Choir, Barbara Abels plays along with the rest of the orchestra to combine two good sounds for the Christmas concert.



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Individual activities aid AHS orchestra

Abundance of musical talent at AHS did not extend to only the band and choir members, but also touched—and, in some cases embraced—orchestra members as well. Some students were involved in extra activities which they sought out on their own such as the Philharmonic Orchestra, Hardin-Simmons Orchestra, civic choral choirs and some even helped make radio and TV commercials.

The ambition in these students also stretched to the performances of the orchestra at school. Several students qualified in Region Orchestra. The section leaders were Linda White, Beverly Edwards and Carrie Blondeau. As a unit, the orchestra made Sweepstakes in UIL contest. Maggie Howell, Beverly Edwards, Susan Boyd and Carrie Blondeau advanced to the state solo and ensemble contest in Austin in June. Members of the orchestra also performed for senior citizens and with the Cooper Orchestra for a clinic concert in April.

Perhaps the highlight for many involved students was the trip to Corpus Christi from April 26-28 for competition in the Buccaneer Festival. "It was very tough competition!" according to Beverly Edwards who attended. Only those who made Sweepstakes in UIL could compete. The Abilene High Orchestra came home with a two rating. The group spent the rest of Thursday and all day Friday on the beach.

Throughout the year, orchestra members shared their talents with eager listeners and fellow players for self-gratification and sought out the same satisfying rewards with their involvement in activities not related to school.

Fundamental key to success: AFJROTC

During the 1978-'79 school year, the TX-81st Air Force JROTC participated in a number of events. These included the annual trip to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma; a trip to NASA in Houston; and the annual Military Ball at Dyess Air Force Base. The group also held a formal dinner, a corps picnic, and the final Pass and Review where all honors were given to outstanding cadets. All of these events were held under the supervision of Lt. Col. Glenn Maddox and CMSGT John Reising. Along with the regular corps activities, the 81st also took part in community activities. These involved poppy sales to aid the VFW, West Texas rehab '79, the Muscular Dystrophy telethon and color guard presentations at special events.



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1. Awaiting presentation of their awards, Greg Solomon, Robert Rosetti, Melody Grantham, John Danielson, Michael Balanciere and John Crosthwait stand proudly at attention.

2. Pride is a vital asset for any ROTC cadet as shown by Melanie Wells, Larry Dossey, Thomas Moses and Cheryl Hardin.

3. Discipline on inspection days is imperative, and cadets Susan Wolfe, Thomas Moses, James Hanke, Jesse Weese, Michael Balancier, Tom Wier, and Michael Payne do their best to fulfill the requirement.

4. Bravery is awarded as Superintendent Gordon Harmon issues The Award of Valor to C/SGT. Michael Byrd.

5. Practice makes perfect, and the girls' drill team puts in a lot of practice time.

6. In his characteristically firm tone CMSGT John Reising calls out the names of award winners during the annual Pass-In-Review.

7. Happiness and a hint of anxiety show in the face of C/Col. Greg Solomon as he watches the Homecoming pep rally.



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Vocational Courses

Explorations in blue-printing beneficial

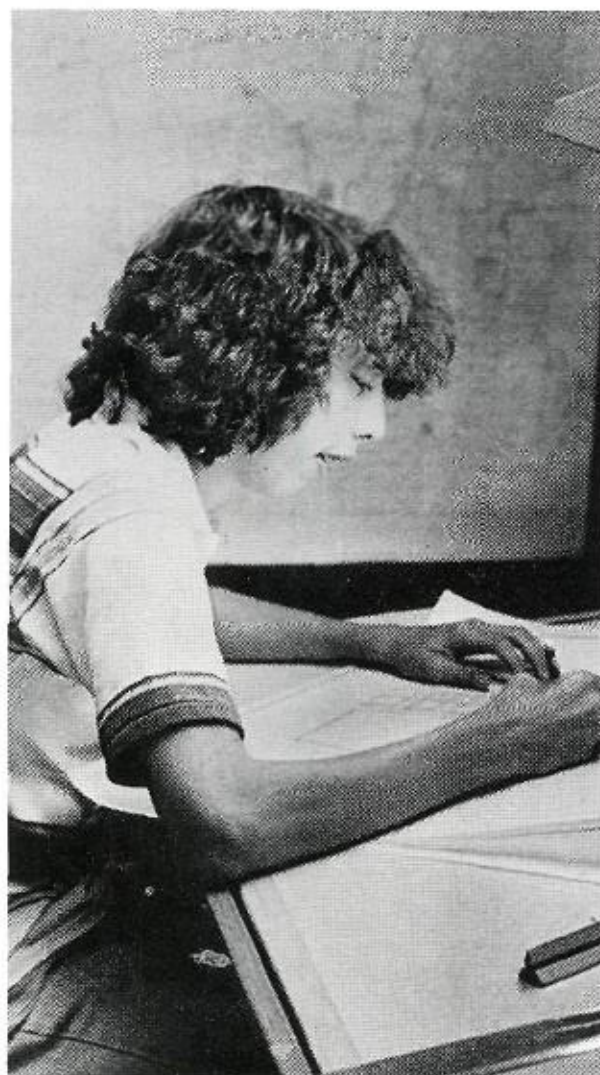
"What? Is this a party?" I walked backwards out of the room to check the room number. "Yep, V-13! This must be data processing, all right!"

As Jamie Klose pulled at my elbow to show me the bowling computer, Mike Harris rushed to finish a joke about a salesman, and Mr. Fred Stirman, who had endured eleven years of two hour classes of data processing, just laughed and tried to explain what actually happened in his class.

Basic knowledge of small computers and their programming were the essentials of this class. I wondered how much fun that must be in such a casual atmosphere—very strictly for juniors and seniors. Imagine! A discriminating party for just juniors and seniors.

These privileged people also had the opportunity to be members of the OEA (Office Education Association). Eleven of these went to Houston from March 29-31 for contest.

But with the computers sitting there and programming sheets lying around, anyone could tell that this casual atmosphere was just an added pleasure and that work was done in this class as well. Still, the assumption remained that even when working, the casual atmosphere existed to save everyone's sanity—except for Mr. Stirman's, of course!



Casual atmosphere draws programmers

Interest in the field of drafting began to perk up during the 1978-'79 school year as more girls became involved in an area usually dominated by men. They, along with their many male classmates all started with the basics in general drafting in Mr. Bill Tittle's drafting class.

These basics included lettering, sketching and experiencing what was offered in technical drafting and architectural drafting such as single and multiview drafting. The class covered little of everything to help the student decide what step to take next.

Those who headed for technical drafting did more extensive work in the various fields that prepared them for an engineering field in the future. Architectural drafting handled strictly phases of designing and covered areas such as drawing floor plans, foundations, construction plans, elevation plans and many other aspects of drawing. These students would be knowledgeable enough, after completing the course to be draftsmen for professional architects and be ahead of college students who had never had any training in high school.

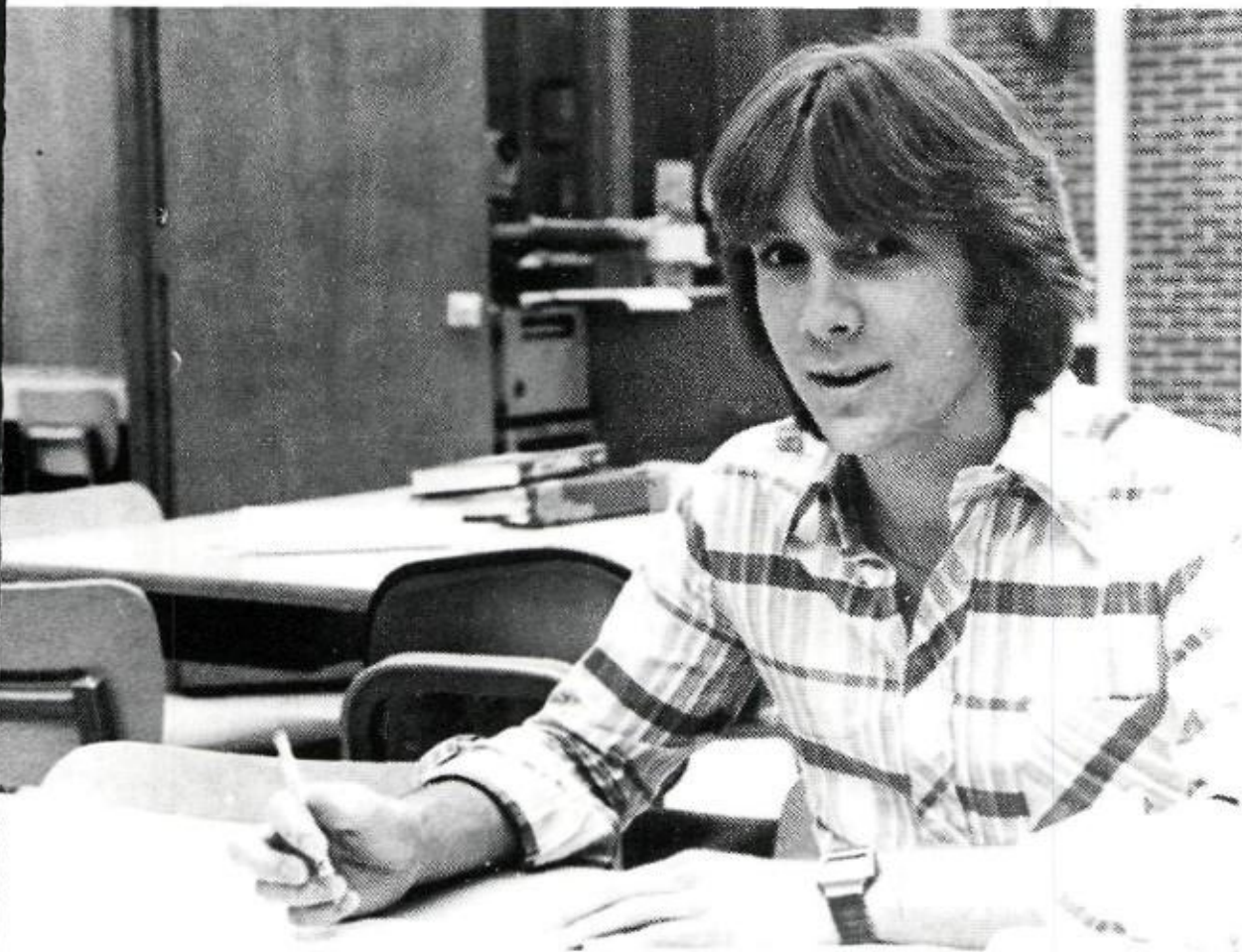
All students in these classes were eligible to be members in the Industrial Arts Club. These members went to regionals in April where, if qualified, they would later go on to the state meet held in Waco in May.



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1. Pencil in mouth, Mike Pointer critiques his elevation plan before handing it in to instructor Mr. Bill Tittle.
2. Having fun with the bowling computer, Jamie Klose enjoys another aspect of data processing.
3. Punching buttons! Teri Whetstone programs another computer to gain experience for the business world ahead.

4. Adding the finishing touches to his floor plan, Leroy Stockard actively participates in architectural drafting.
5. One of the few girls in drafting, Francie Ford, learns the basics in general drafting.
6. Writing up programming sheets is just another aspect of data processing as Greg Hodges finds out.

Refrigeration learns the value of frigid-air

Thought to be one of the more practical courses on campus, the vocational course of air conditioning and refrigeration met under the instruction of Mr. Robert Davis. The class was offered for three periods each day providing students with knowledge of major and minor repairs on refrigeration units.

Consisting of mostly shopwork with some classwork, the course strived to educate the student in repairs of refrigeration equipment which consisted of minor electrical repair and installation of heating and cooling units for the house built by the

AHS building trades class.

When asked if any special assignments were given, Mr. Davis replied, "He (the student) must be able to solder, trouble shoot, charge a unit and perform basic unit repair." Students were able to continue in the program for two years so that after graduation they could continue in the technical field without going to trade school.

Employing skills gained in class, students engaged their abilities for a district meet held at AHS and the state meet held at Houston.



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1. Toiling over a piece of obstinate metal, the air conditioning and refrigeration class acquires knowledge of brazing techniques.
2. With gauges and meters, Randy Gilbert and John Shagula put freon in a refrigerator.
3. Welding skillfully, Ricky Sholtz superbly joins two pieces of metal.
4. Showing days of hard work, the AHS building trades' house located on Nandania Circle looks forward to its completion date.
5. Calmly working, Tim Savage successfully repairs another ice machine.
6. Using one of the complicated mechanisms, Tommy Casady verifies a perplexity in his meter.
7. Hammering for important experience, Eddie Hart drives another successful nail.
8. Performing one of the many tasks of a carpenter, Steve McMahan operates a radial arm saw.
9. Helping with the roof, Dwayne Reggie hands up a board to fellow classmates.



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Students superstruct architectural wonders

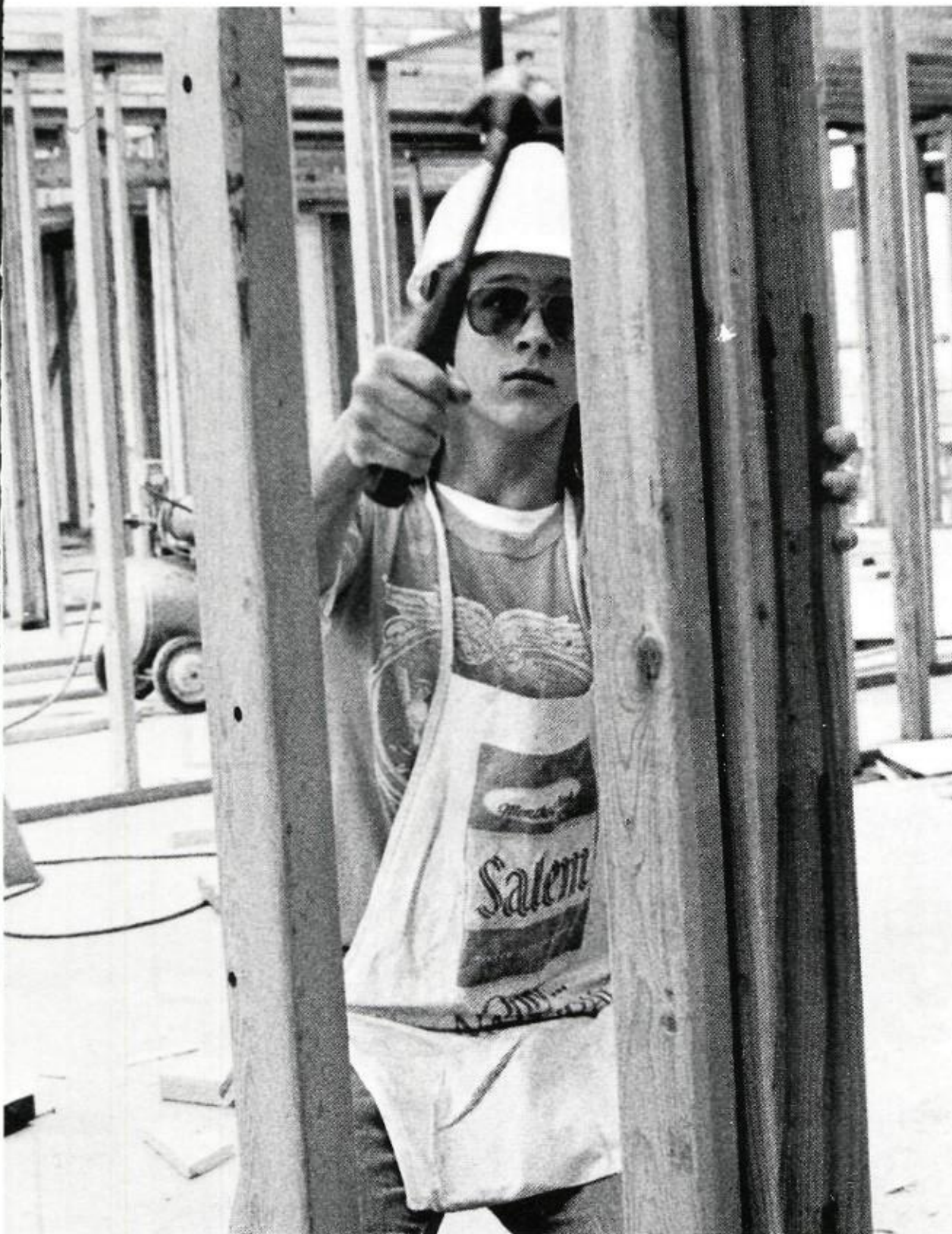
Under the instruction of Mr. John Berry, the building trades class was considered to be one of the most constructive classes on campus. Offered for three periods each day, the students were taught basic skills of building construction and carpentry.

Joining together, the morning and afternoon classes met to plan and build a three bedroom and two bath house located on Nandania Circle in south Abilene. Giving supplementary work, the local junior highs helped with carpentry and construction work. The students did the actual construction from laying the foundation to shingling the roof.

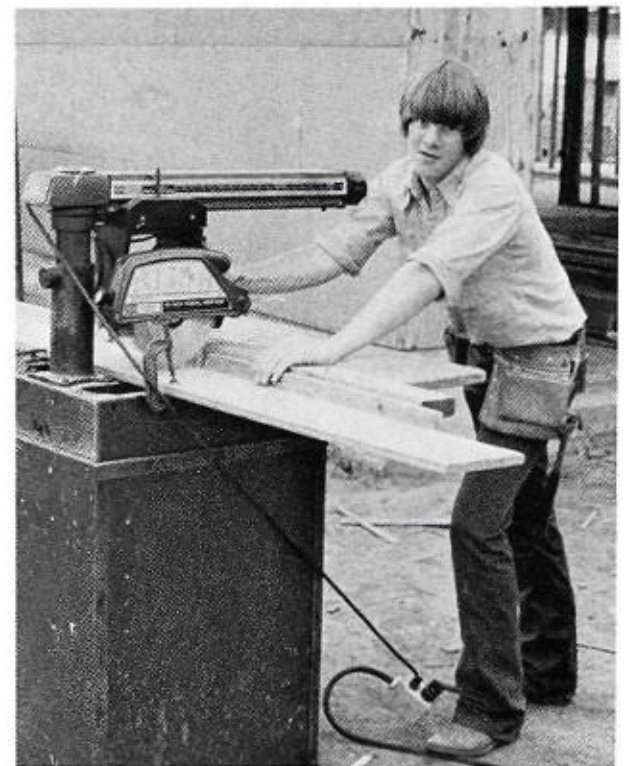
The AISD provided the cost of all necessary materials. Even though the students were not paid, they gained the experience of carpentry so that after graduation, students could continue in the vocational field.



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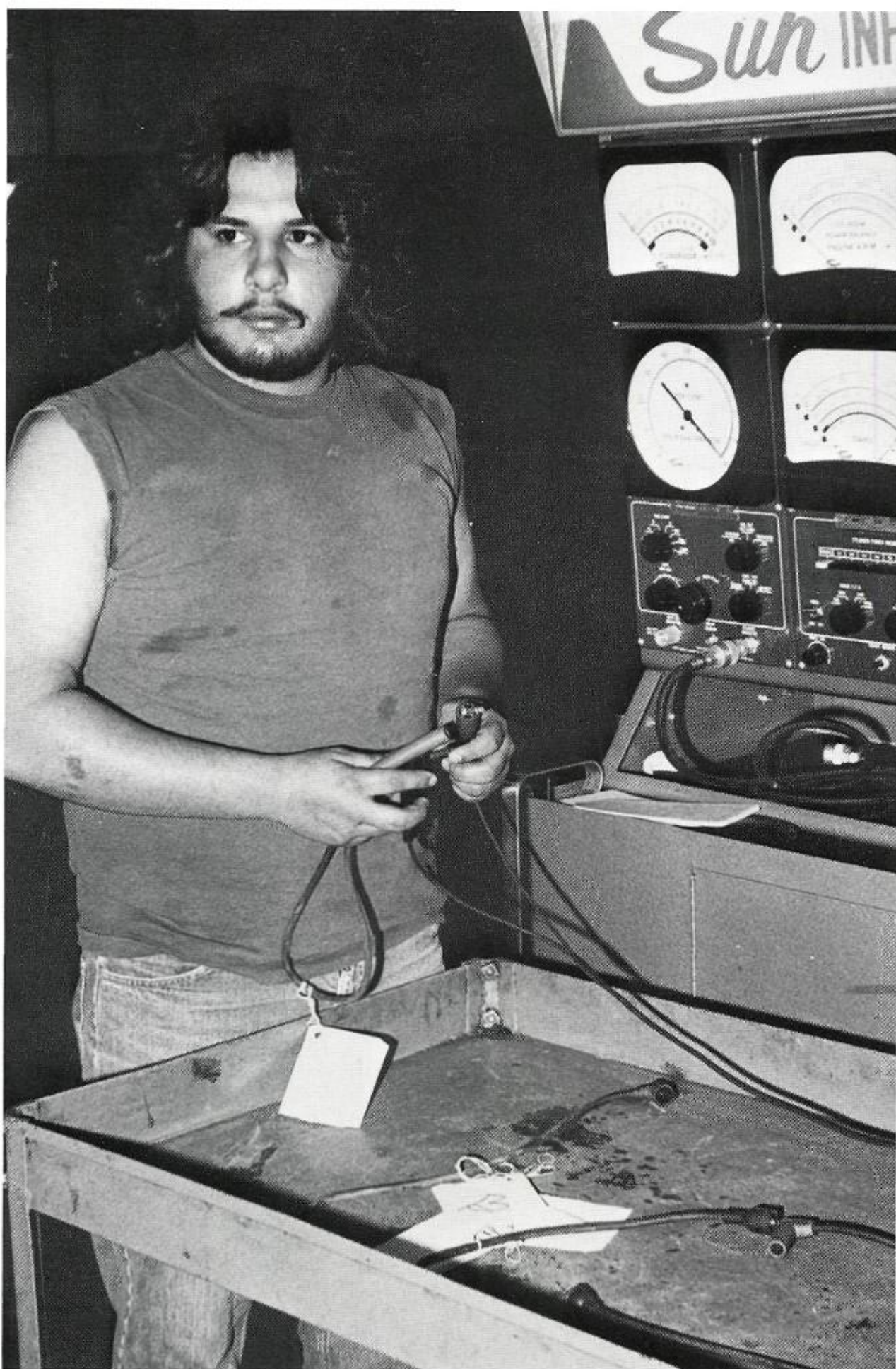
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Mechanics find hope in logical experience

With experience ranging from a car's horn to the tailpipe, students in auto mechanics had an opportunity to learn the mechanical parts of the automobile and all phases of automotive repair and service.

Given three hours a day experience, the students gained self-confidence in repairing their cars and those of teachers and friends. Under the instruction of Mr. Travis Smith, novice mechanics gained important skills for the present and future.

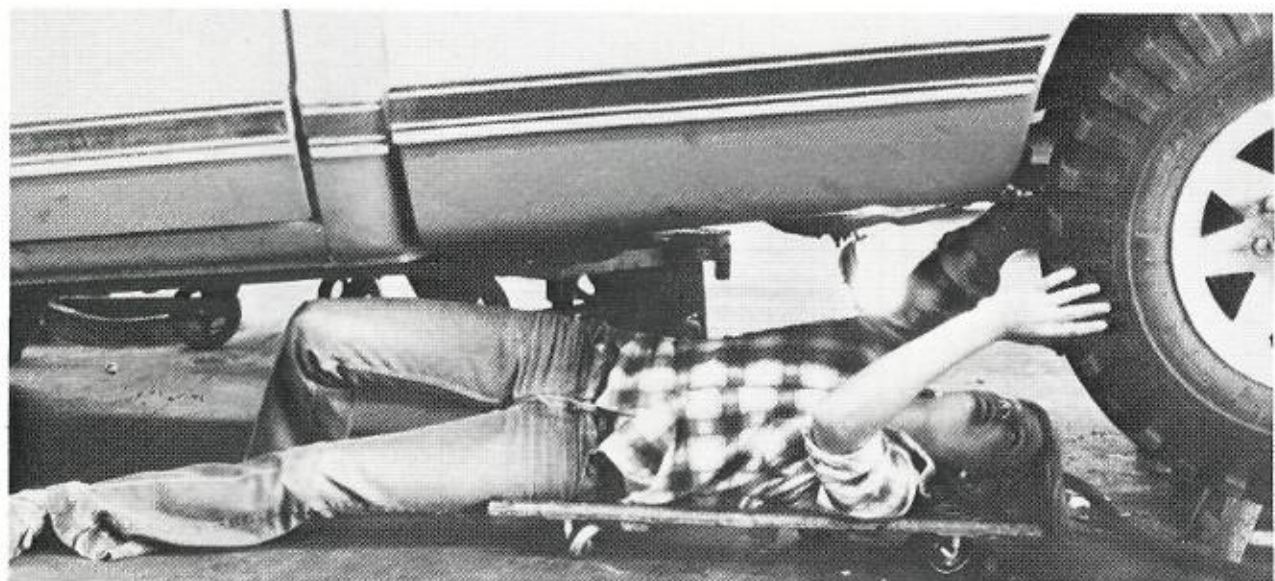
Showing experience in classroom as well as in the shop, the vocational class competed among VICA in district and state categories. In skill speed auto mechanics, placing first was Bobby Wagner and second was Steve Strevel. Receiving third in auto motor analysis was Richard Garcea. Also placing fourth as auto electrician was David Anderson. Receiving first in wheel alignment, Steve Rogers again won for AHS. Participating in selected project, Herbert Rich also placed first. These students and others entered VICA representing AHS which usually showed that AHS students were some of the best trained mechanics in the state.



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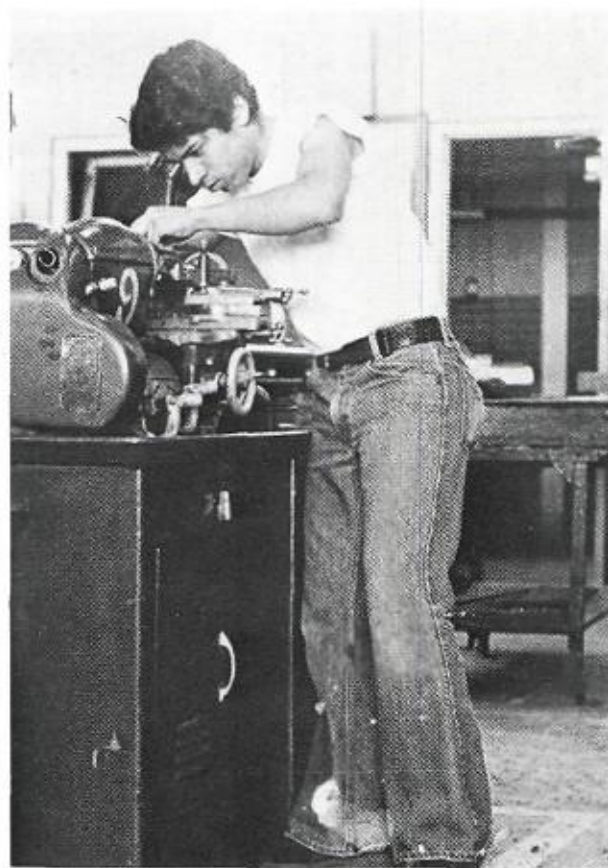
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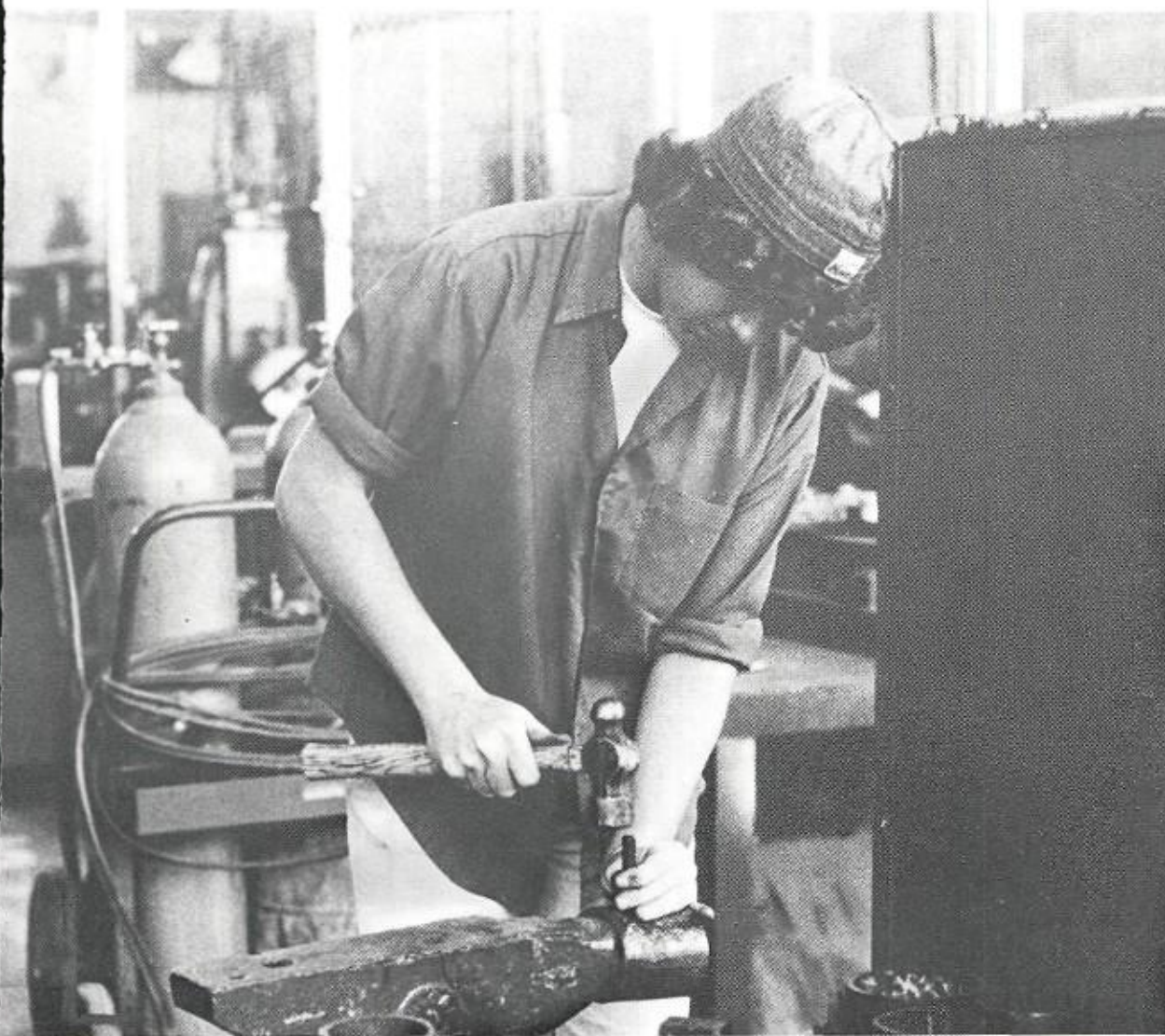
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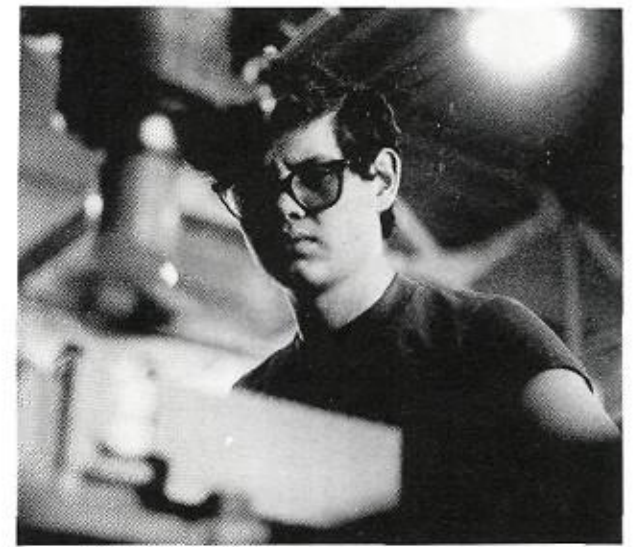


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Determination – a key for basic machining

With knowledge gained through actual experience, the 25 students enrolled in machine shop endowed basic skills toward the metallic profession. The course consisted of the four major categories of machine work, bench work, welding and theory with several related subjects. The metal trades course offered a promising career for the individual who had an interest and attitude for working with hand tools. With a variety of hand tools, such as pliers and chisels, the students learned the names, use and care for hand tools. Students also used the hand tools in bench work to make a special project which incorporated fundamental metal working processes such as welding and grinding. In addition, students learned the basic steps of welding and different types of welds. Finally, in theory and related subjects, students learned technical information such as hardness of metal. Stressing the use of hand tools, and power machines, Mr. George Credicott taught students to operate machines, to make projects and to develop the close tolerance needed for machining metals.

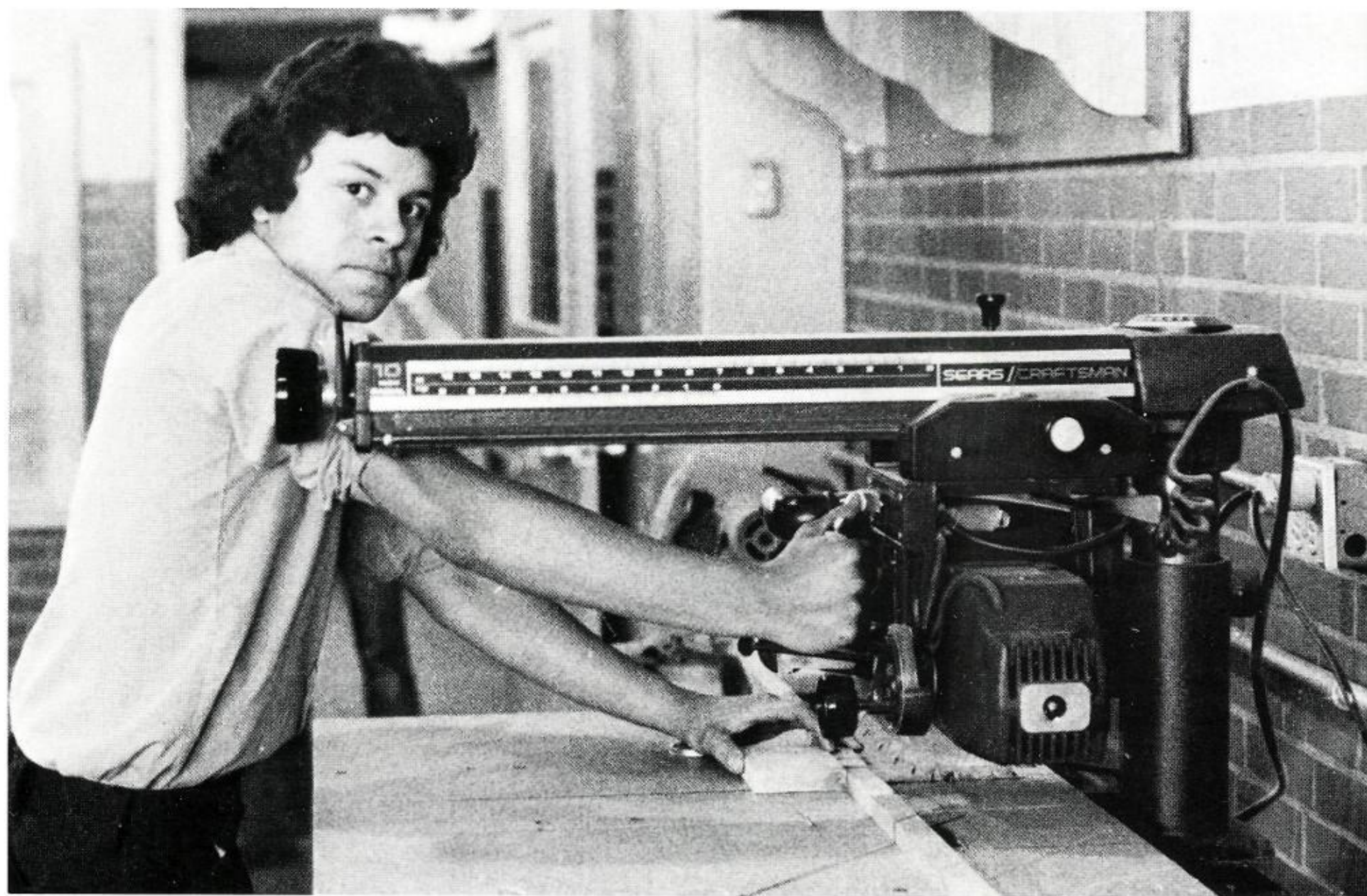
With several entries in VICA competition, the AHS machine shop classes showed their skills which were achieved during the 1978-'79 school year.



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1. Waiting with knobs and meters in hand, Danny Doidge prepares to analyze an engine.
2. Learning how to analyze a motor is one of the skills that Richard Garcia learns in auto mechanics.
3. Checking the differential system, Mark Grant works steadily to gain experience.
4. With the grinder moving, Danny Gutierrez demonstrates grinding metals in machine shop.

5. With the use of machinery, Johnny Hernandez shows one of the aspects of the course.
6. Working with metals is one of the skills Jerry Lambert learns as he demonstrates.
7. With hope of becoming a machinist, James Claxton gains basic machining skills.
8. Engulfed in machines, Johnny Martinez feels he can accomplish the vocational program.



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1. Using a radical arm saw is not easy, but Pete Lopez finds the task quite simple.
2. Shaping wood is one of Rick Gibbs shown by his woodworking projects.
3. Expressing her creative talents, Kathy Augustadt designs her leather craft.
4. Discovering that she enjoys tooling leather, Christie Higgins works on her masterpiece.
5. Smoothing his leather to the design, Jake Lomez bevels his leather for a coaster.
6. Smoothing off the rough edges on his woodworking, Larry Rodriguez looks up to take a break from his tedious work.
7. While preparing to design a coffee table leg, Rodney Edwards takes the necessary precautions to insure his safety.
8. Showing how to lace a single loop stitch key case, Mr. Ned Follis leather crafts teacher, shows his expertise.





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Related skills crafts appeal to students

Providing the students with a useful, sellable skill that could last a lifetime, woodworking and leathercrafts were the do-it-yourself class of Abilene High. In the world of rising inflation, a skill that allowed students to cut costs was worth the money invested.

Feeling that it was worth their time and money, students financed all their projects. They also cut all the wood for the class. General woodworking which consisted of juniors and seniors had two required projects for the 1978-'79 school year. Their instructor, Mr. Ned Follis, required that they make a tape rack and also a T-base table.

After completing these projects, they moved on to bigger and better things such as a china hutch and a wardrobe cabinet. The students also made other objects such as a checkerboard or a stereo cabinet.

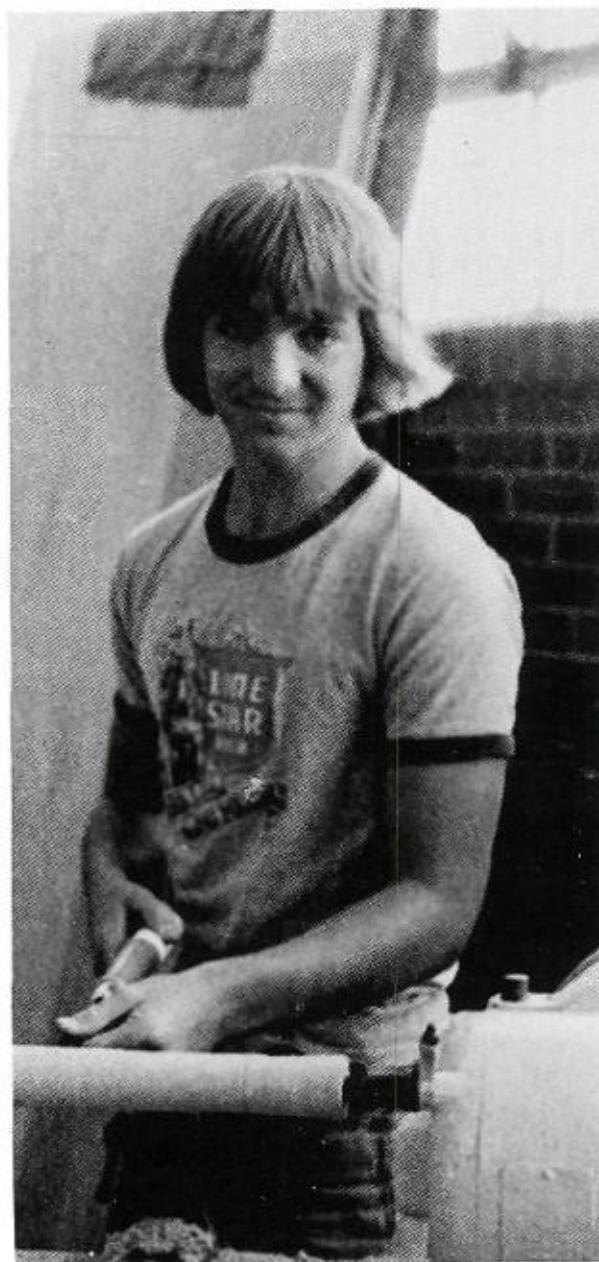
If a student chose leathercrafts, he also had a lot of exciting things to make. Bill-folds, key-cases, mini-purses and comb cases were just a few of the crafts that interested students.

After completing their projects, students took them to regional and state competition to compete with other students. Regional competition took place at Abilene Christian University, then they traveled to Waco for state competition.

When the year was over and all projects completed, the students found that all their hard work and effort was worth the trouble since they had learned skills which would benefit them the rest of their lives.



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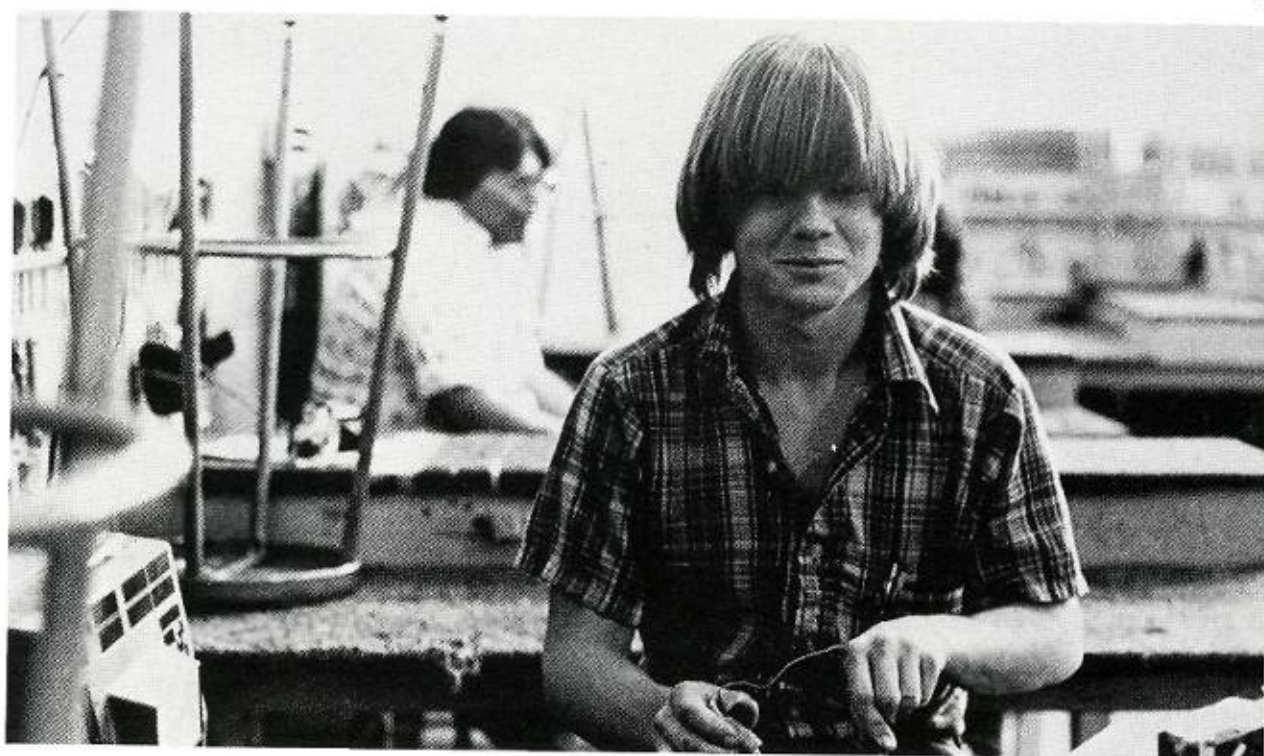
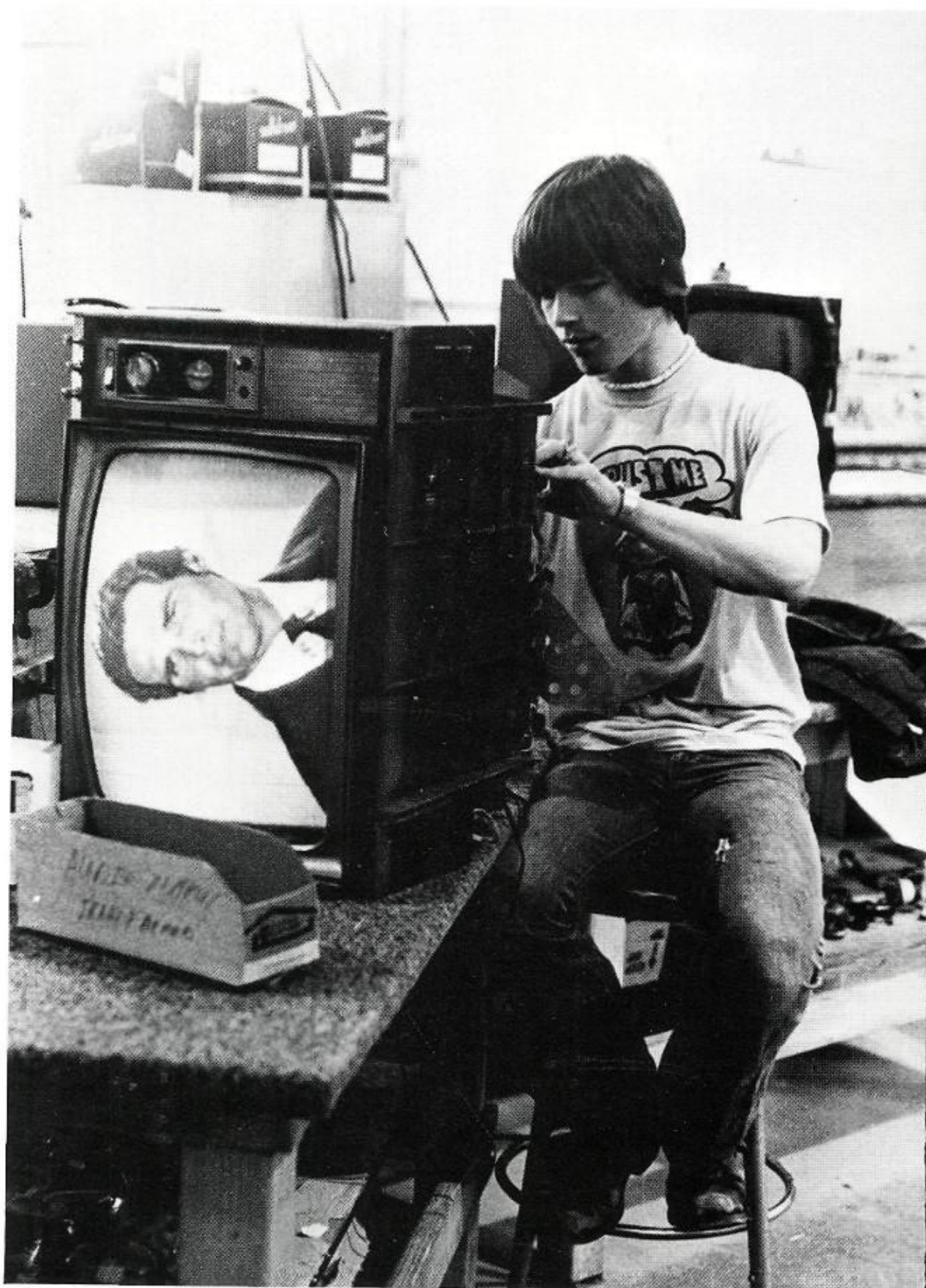
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Career seekers find glimmer in electricity

Consisting of basic electrifying techniques, the radio-tv classes under the instruction of Mr. Jim Simpson revealed indispensable projects. With a combination of classroom and labwork, the 22 students who enlisted in the program learned to repair and adjust electronic equipment such as radios and televisions.

As a special project, students were assigned to build an AC-DC radio which consisted of aligning and trouble shooting the unit. With this project and other repairs of various electronic units, the radio-tv workshop was busily bubbling with students diagnosing and correcting problems.

Entering contests in district and state divisions, students enrolled in the course gained critical experience in VICA competition. This experience was aimed at helping them in the future when they would repair various electric home appliances in newly found jobs after graduation.





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Electricians stress shocking experience

With various jobs on campus and in Abilene, the vocational career seeking students of electrical trades class worked diligently for experience in the field of electricity. Expressing themselves through their work, the students gained knowledge from wiring the KAHS radio speakers located in the ceiling of the cafeteria to wiring houses built by AHS and CHS building trades classes.

During the 1978-'79 school year, electrical trades stressed basic electricity, residential, commercial and industrial wiring. Students in electrical trades learned facts about basic electrical power which consisted of electric motor controls and distribution of electric power. Learning the steps of wiring and types of wires, the students also experienced wiring residential dwellings and commercial agencies.

With VICA competition in district and state divisions, students learned the value of a skillful electrician by employing skills already gained in class.



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1. With Dr. Kiley fading in and out, Tim Casterner adjusts another television.
2. Gaining knowledge with his electrical unit diagram, Charles Bledsoe acquires still another aspect of electrical trades.
3. Fixing his pocket radio, Gilbert Luna is distracted from his concentration.
4. Trouble shooting a unit, Lee Zims finds that radio-tv contains many different tech-

niques.

5. Putting fuses into a circuit breaker box, Donny Dabney gains critical experience for a future electrical career.

6. Practicing his skills, David Garza wires a plug in hope of bettering his talents.

7. With an equation as his security, Boyd Burleson hopes of not malfunctioning his electrical project.

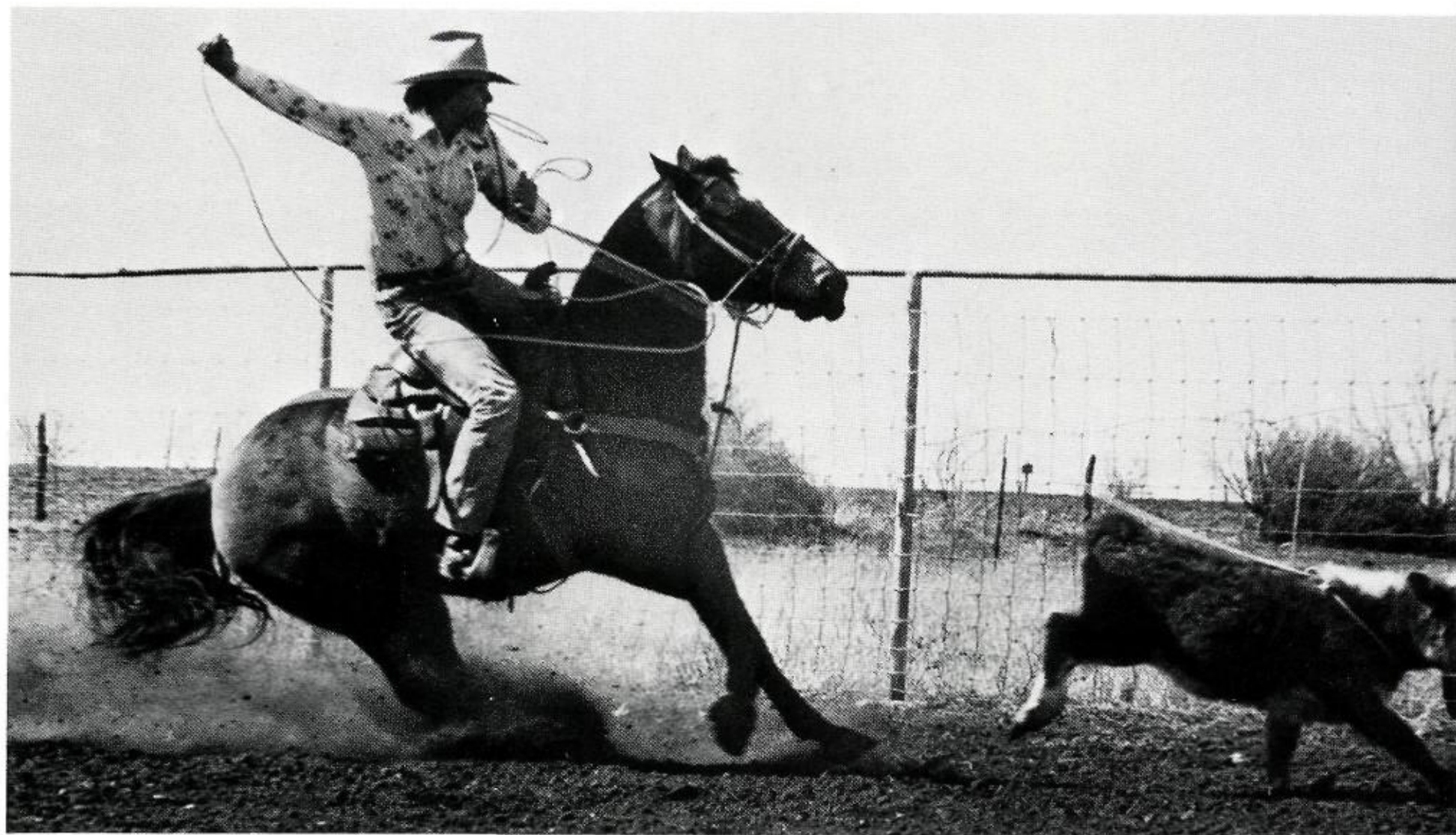
Diversion developes from rodeo entrants

Rosin, piging strings, spurs, bats and saddles . . . What did these items have in common? How about hour after hour of practicing, sore muscles and financial support for equipment? No one else at AHS except the rodeo club knew the slang and pains of rodeoing.

Rodeos set their claws deep in the AHS Eagles. Day after day of repetition showed as a faint glow when the club members gave up dates and after school free time to show their enthusiasm.

Tracing their heritage back to the beginning of the Old West, rodeo clubbers carried on the tradition of the almost forgotten cowpoke. With after school jobs and financial help from parents, clubbers rode in individual events around the Big Country as well as statewide. Some cowboys and cowgirls such as sophomore Fred Hernandez, competed not only in Texas but also in other states. With a gross income of approximately \$6,000 during the 1978 season, Fred planned for another successful summer in 1979.

The 1978-'79 season brought goals closer to being reached as rodeo club members rode to achieve higher ratings.



Agriculture classes irrigate agri - business

Confirming leadership and establishment in farming and ranching, the FFA grew under the instruction of Mr. Bill Scott and Mr. Jackie Richards. Offered as a sequel course, agriculture classes provided students with comprehension of an agri-business vocation. Stressing the important role of farmers, the 114 students enrolled in FFA entered contests in different fields and met frequently for extra curriculum activities as well as classroom work.

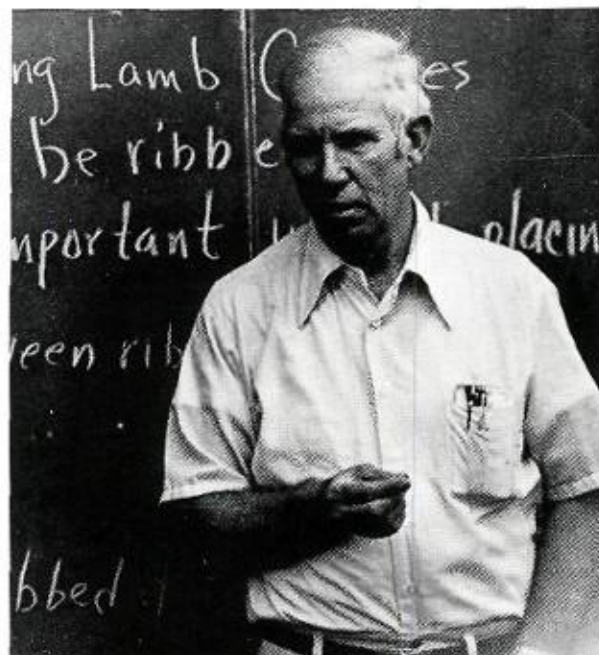
Vocational agriculture classes were classified into VA I, VA II, VA III and Co-op Agriculture providing the student with conception in training of agriculture. The first year in agriculture, known as VA I, presented students with the basic classification of domestic ranch animals such as hogs, poultry and cattle. VA II, the second sequel, taught students ranch management and identification of diseases which consisted from feed rations to blackleg. VA III intro-

duced students to self assurance in farming and ranching. Students learned range and farm conditions from Maine to California with emphasis on the Big Country. Co-op Agriculture, a course where students worked half a day, taught students agri-business with on the job training. In these classes, students were taught patience in agriculture and gained experience through required projects which were supervised under Mr. Scott and Mr. Richards.

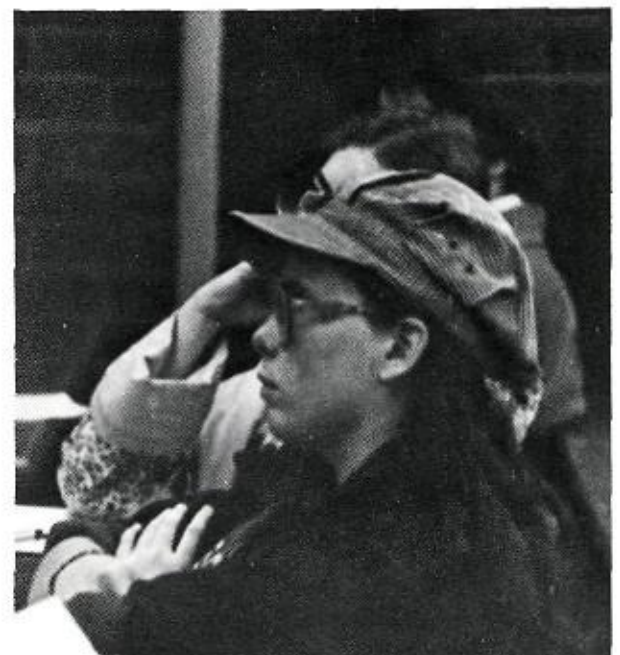
Entering contests in meats, livestock, poultry, dairy cattle, dairy products and land judging, students were given additional training in a field of interest. These judging teams competed in district, regional, and state levels and also went to several meets in Fort Worth, Stephenville, Lubbock, Abilene, San Angelo, College Station and Sweetwater. On the average, AHS judging teams and contestants were highly successful.



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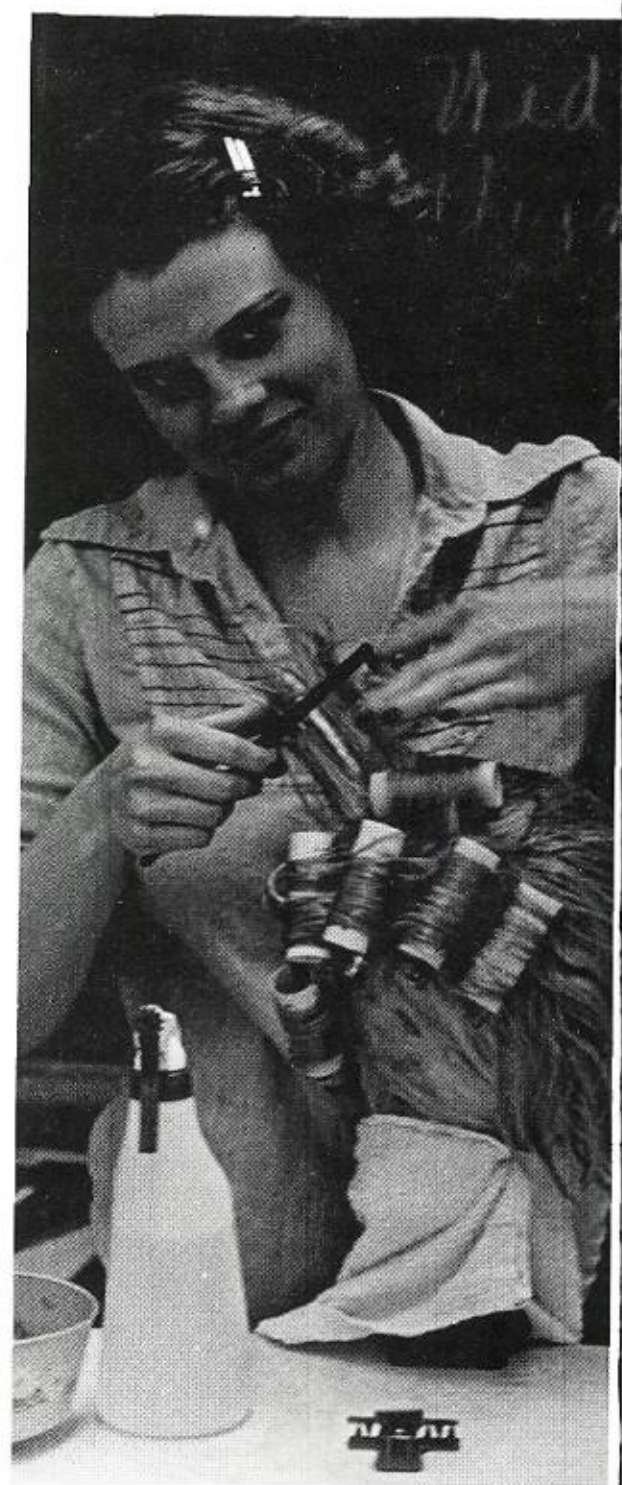
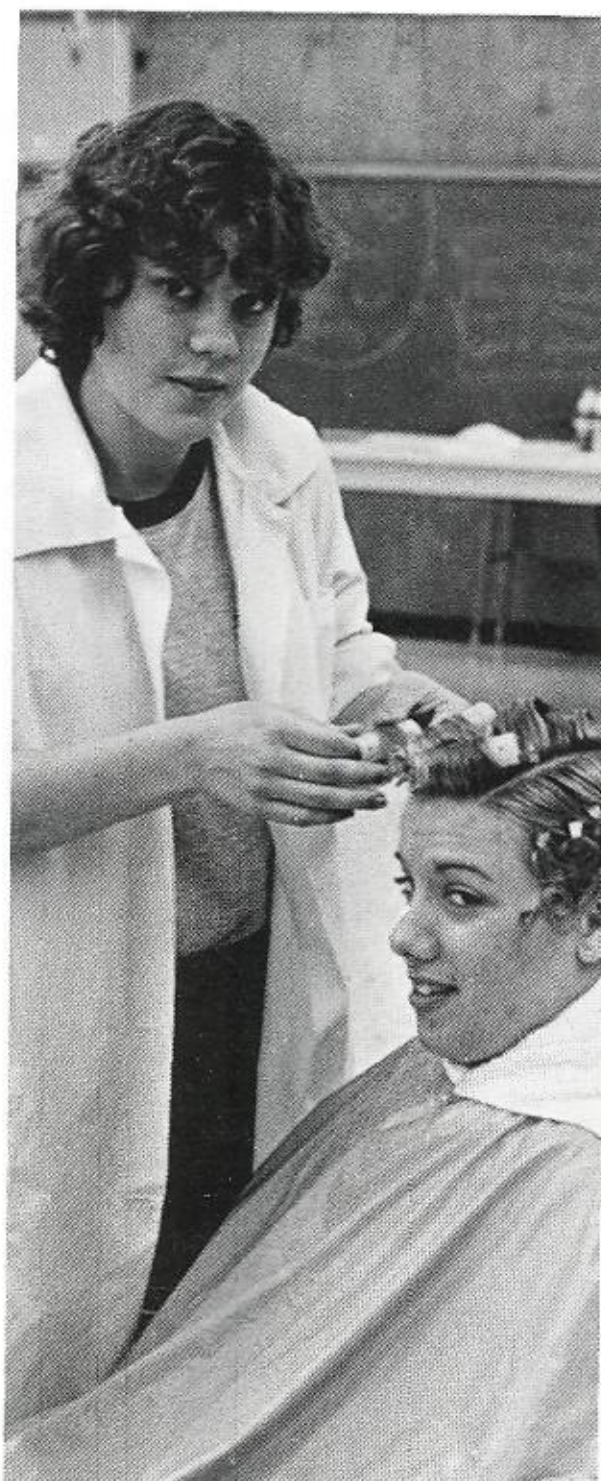
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1. In their dreams, cowboys sometimes visualize themselves as the world champion's bronc rider.
2. With repetitions over and over, Fred Hernandez improves his roping skills.
3. Showing in the local FFA show, Becky Lackey, sweetheart of the club, takes part in the display.
4. Thoroughly explaining lamb carcasses, Mr. Bill Scott prepares his meat judging team for a workout.
5. Listening to a lecture on farm conditions, Jere Madison ponders an approaching test day.
6. **FFA Officers.** BOTTOM ROW: Mike Gillis (sentinel), Tracy Henderson (reporter), Donny Purvis (secretary), Chuck Dubose (president), Dee McGlothlin (treasurer), Matt Tarply (vice president), Becky Lackey (sweetheart).

Escaping from the daily routine, Mr. Tom Riley takes time to get a permanent, while Regina Black gives him a manicure.
 2. Concentrating on having the perfect wig, Rosa Esquivel prepares for the district contest.
 3. Styling up for a big date, Kathy Davis waits excitedly while Teresa Adkins practices for a career as a beautician.
 4. Worrying over her hair's future Christy Cunningham waits patiently for Regina Black to finish her new hair style.
 5. Preparing for the state board exam, Michelle Miller combs out a wiglet.
 6. Practicing on giving manicures, Forest Dennis prepares Chris Griffin's nails.
 7. Washing hair becomes the main interest for Jill Belcher while Mrs. Dorothy Jones cautiously awaits.





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Beauty, personality come out at AHS

Concentration was one of the most important elements needed in Mrs. Willeen Roberts' cosmetology classes. During this two-year course which students could begin their junior year, students were challenged by the necessary knowledge needed to succeed in hair fashions. The classes which were separated into three hours a day for each student, gave them the actual experience and practice useful in their area.

Throughout the two years, students prepared for the state board licensing by completing lab work. Working on wigs took much concentration as did their final step of perfecting their designs on customers. The state board exam, the highlight of the year, was taken by qualifying seniors on the first or second week during May in Austin.

Students also participated in different contests at the district and state levels. Officers of the club competed in areas of leadership and speech. Girls often joined the VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) in order to compete in these areas of cosmetology.

Cosmetology classes were capable of doing almost any kind of hairstyle just as a beauty shop could. In fact, after passing the state board exam, the seniors were able to work in a beauty shop knowing that their abilities were among the best.



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Three R's replaced by course curriculum

Who said that school was just reading, writing, and 'rithmetic? Not true! Students at Abilene High could leave the traditional classes and enroll in classes that would help them enter the working world. ICT (Industrial Cooperative Training) and DE (Distributive Education) classes at AHS offered to students the basics of industrial type jobs and retail sales.

Mr. Bill Decker, ICT instructor, said that the classroom sessions were for students to study areas that would help them in becoming successful in the world of work. Also the students researched the theories and technical aspects of their particular occupation. The students participated in welding, air conditioning, refrigeration, elec-

trical trades, printing, construction, machine shop and auto mechanics.

Mr. Cecil Couch, Distributive Education teacher, revealed many valuable aspects to the class. Students received retail training in high school which helped them later in life. They also acquired a confidence and understanding of the business world that they normally would not have gained without the help of the class. A few of the areas were general merchandizing, marketing and advertising.

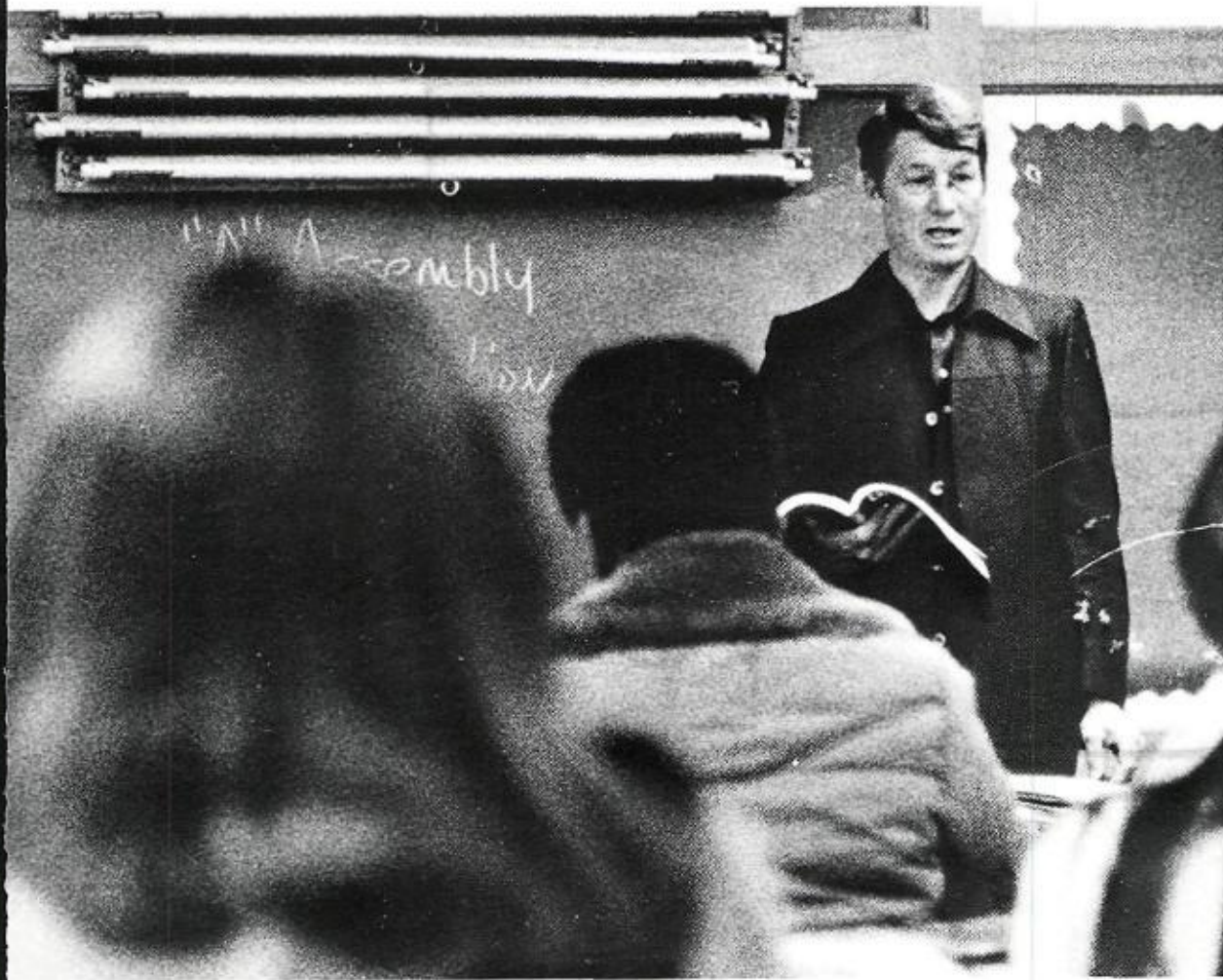
Learning was no longer the three R's. The ICT and Distributive Education changed that theory, and in the meantime, made the working world fun.



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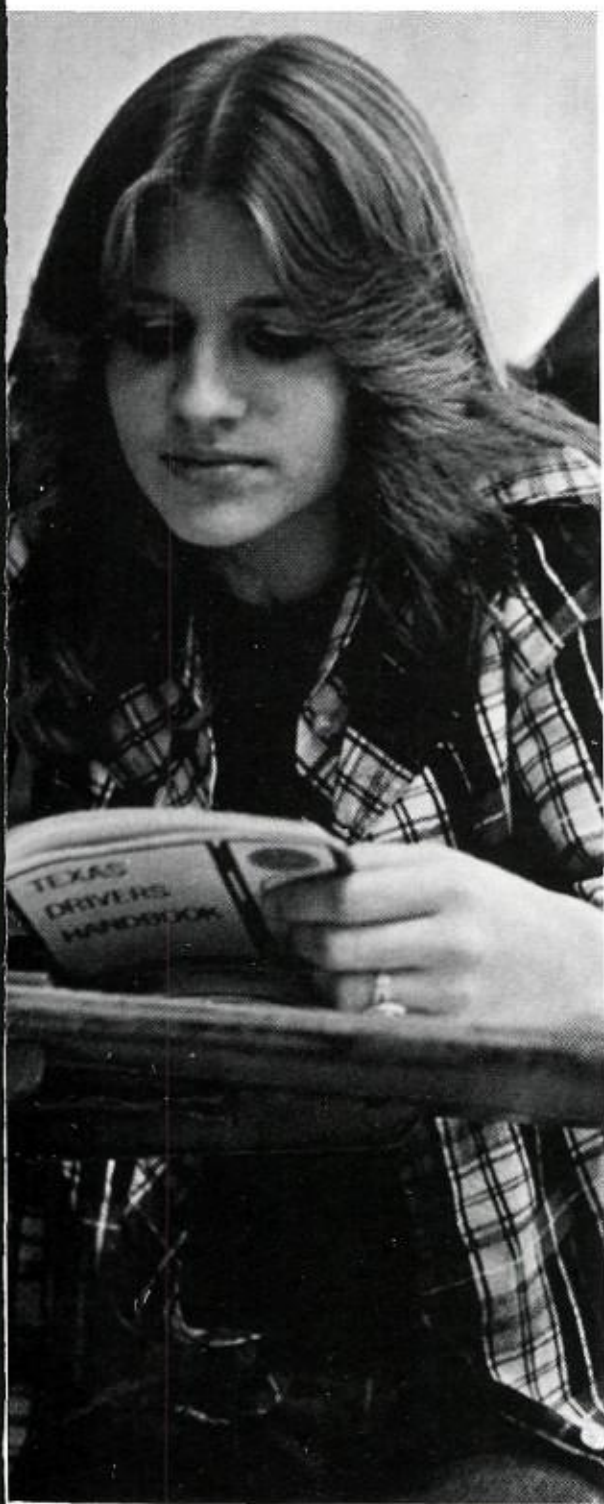


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1. Brass wine bottle openers, valued at \$25.00 is one of the many meticulous jobs Randahle Lohse and Bryan Lawrence encounter at Rogar Manufacturing Company.
2. Cutting metal with a lathe, district machine winner and VICA president David Atkins shows a look of determination while working at Abilene Tube and Channel.
3. Early morning classes seem to give students a more "driving" incentive to learn. Coach James "Tater" Boynton tries to make clear the importance of driving safely to his class.
6. Electric motors need cleaning too, and Steven Mitchell spares no exception while employed at National Electric.
7. Learning the rules of the road are important to driver's education student Judy Welch as she studies the Texas Driver's Handbook.
8. After receiving her provisional license, Debbie Flores attempts to back her car into one of the hard-to-find parking places in the student parking lot.



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Wearied pedestrians reach ultimate goal

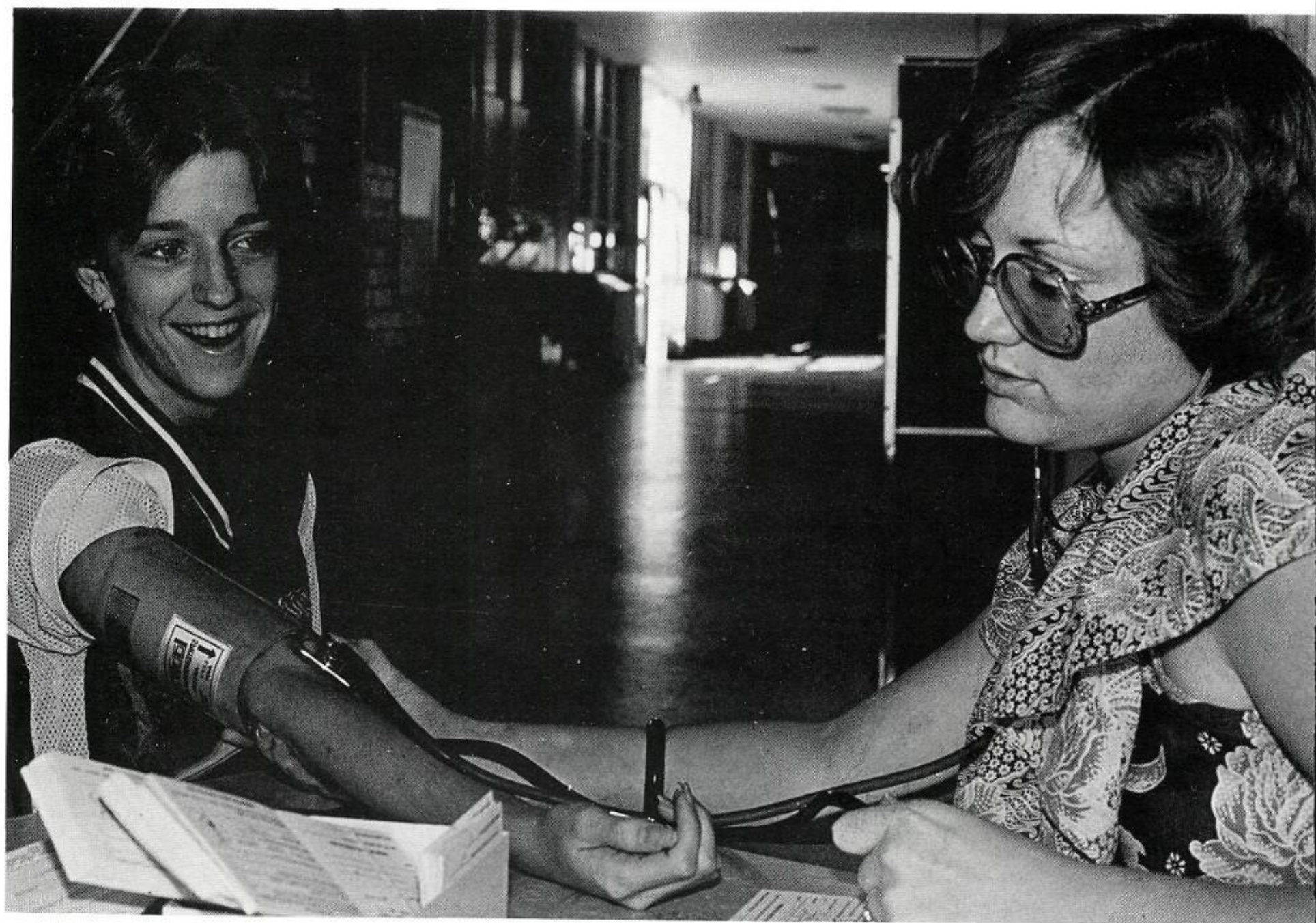
"Dad, can I have the keys to the car?" This familiar question to many fathers came when their children had received their driver's license with the aid of driver education classes offered at Abilene High. Although the classes were held during zero period at 7:30 a. m., so many students were enrolled that often students were turned away. Before the actual driving began, the students had the privilege of taking their written exam at school. Department of Public Safety officers brought the written tests to the classrooms.

The test, which consisted of two parts, rules and signs, had to be passed with a minimum of seventy points. The prize was, of course, the much awaited beginner's permit.

The beginner's permit allowed the students to do their student driving. For twelve, nerve-racking days, the driver's education was driving education. Students perfected their parallel parking and learned to manipulate the automobiles with skill and grace.

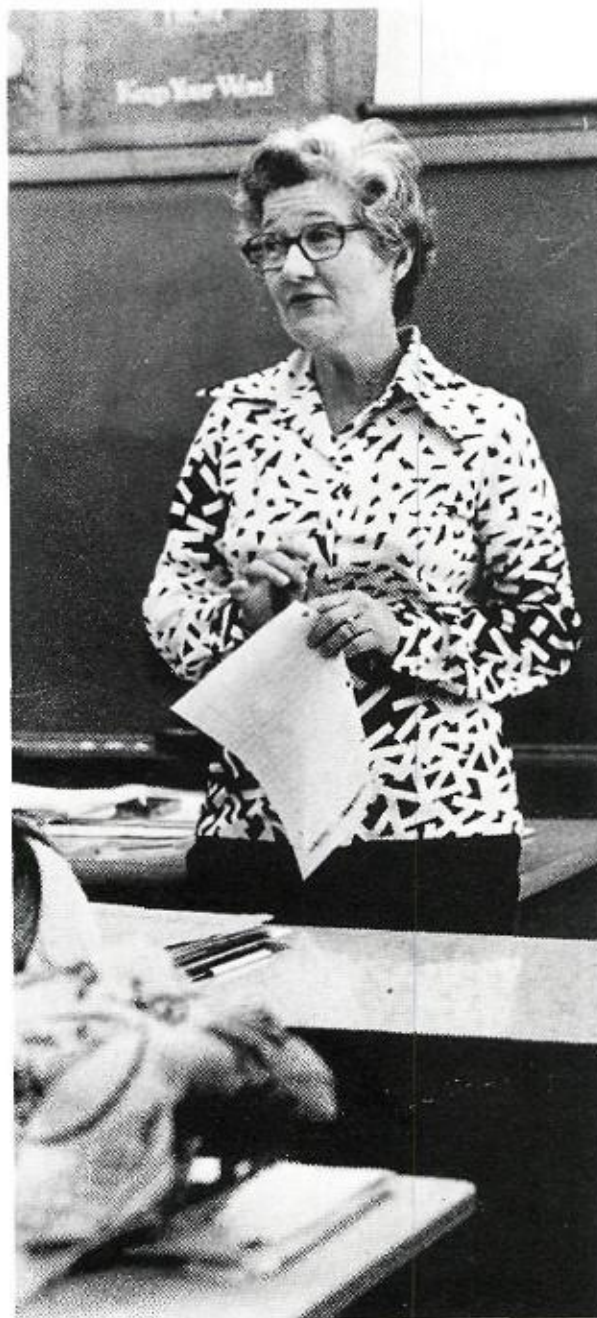
Finally the big day arrived. After six toilsome weeks of study and two grueling weeks of driving, the students were eligible for his or her provisional license. The ultimate test was driving at the Department of Public Safety.

After passing the test, the student said goodbye to the days of driving with Mom, Dad or anyone else over the age of eighteen. Another licensed driver had been created through the help of the AHS driver education class.





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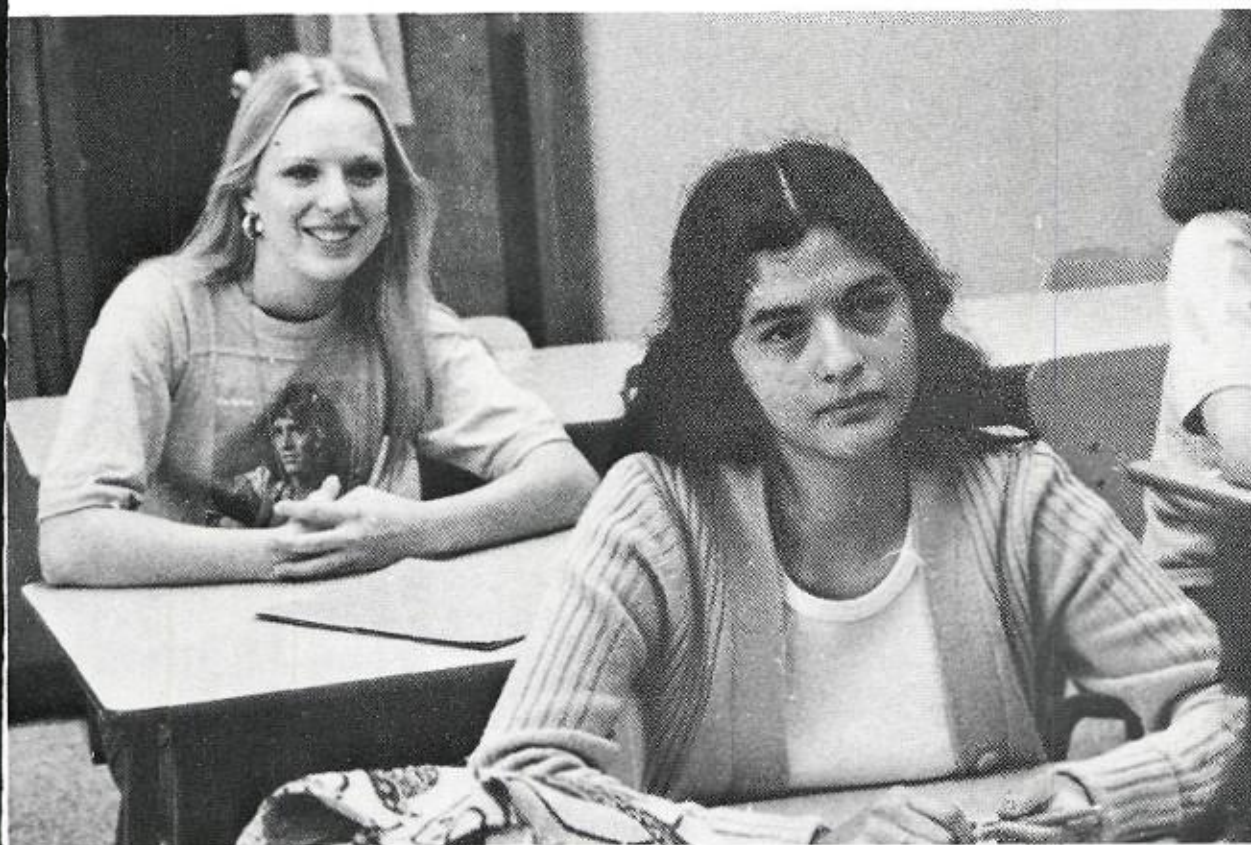
HOE, HECE offer alternative careers

Expectant graduates at AHS were continually asking the question, "What am I going to do after high school?" For many, college was not the only answer. Health Occupations Education (HOE) and Home Economics Cooperative Education (HECE) two of the many alternatives available to career oriented students.

HOE, taught by Mrs. Avis Waldrop, was a full year vocational course available to juniors or seniors. HOE introduced students to health careers through classroom and work situations. "The students feel they are interested in some kind of career in health, and this is a good way to learn a little more about it, plus earning some money while doing it before entering college," said Mrs. Waldrop.

HECE, like HOE, was a full year vocational course available to juniors for either one or two years and to seniors for one year. Mrs. Sue Day, HECE instructor, stated, "HECE gives students an opportunity to grow in independence and take on more responsibility." Working in day care centers and other home economics related occupations, students prepared for life after high school.

Since both HOE and HECE were half day courses, students attended school half of the day to obtain credits that might be needed if they chose to enter college. This arrangement enabled students to work during the rest of the day, opening the door for a career which did not require a college education.



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1. Having her blood pressure taken by Carol Simpson, Carol Worthing participates in an HOE project.

2. HECE students Charlene Claxton and Celeste Blackman search through file cabinets.

3. In addition to teaching HECE students, Mrs. Sue Day also supervises them on their

jobs.

4. Preparing for a health career, Tammy Flaxbarth works in a doctor's office.

5. Working at Abilene Diagnostic Center, Julie Reece examines a slide.

6. Students in Mrs. Day's HECE class spend one hour in class and the remainder at work.

Students apply skills

Fantastic opportunities faced students studying in Vocational Office Education as they planned for a future career by developing office skills.

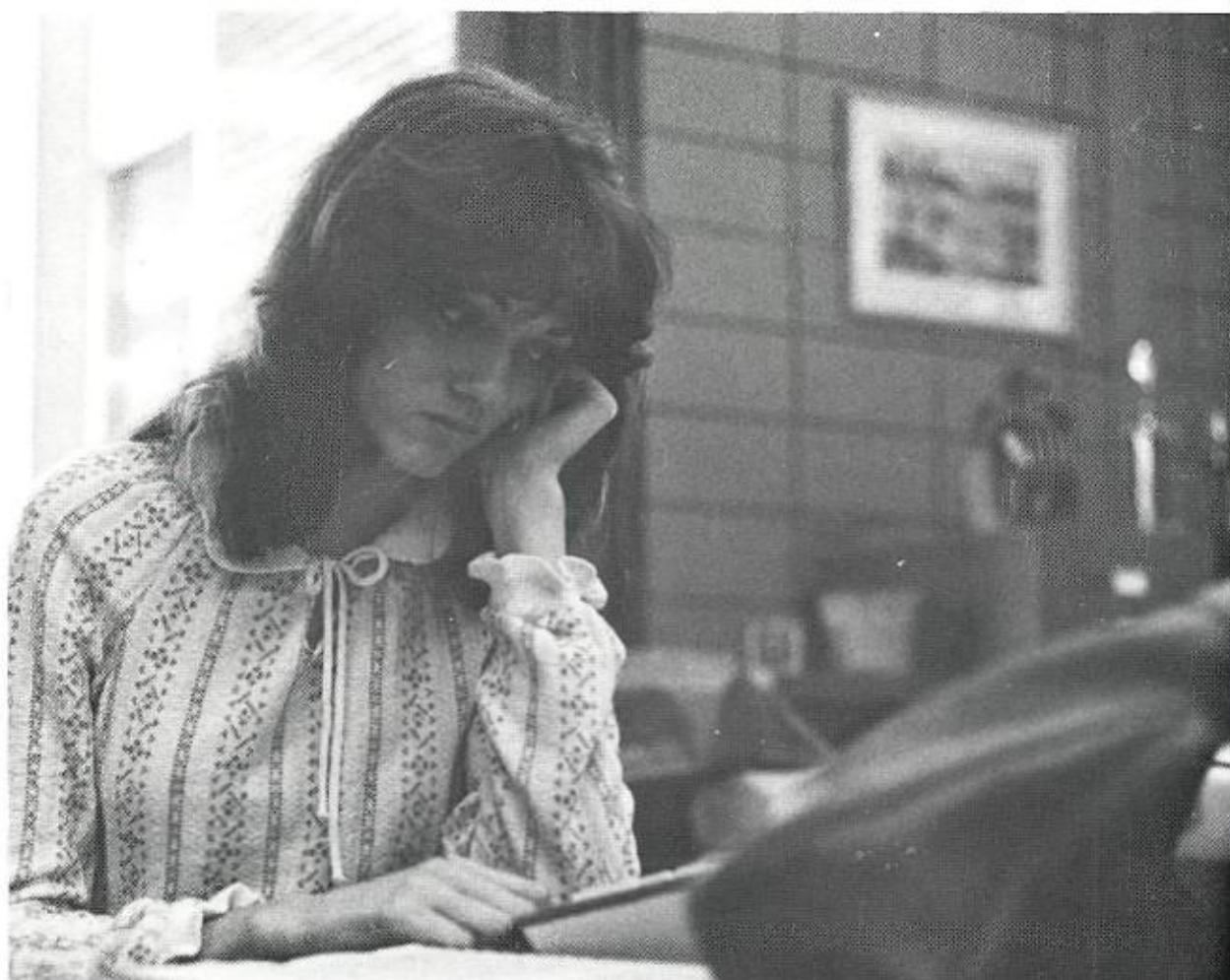
Any student planning a future as a secretary or an office worker could be guaranteed a job in an office after the VOE training program.

Students were required to enter Pre-VOE their junior year. Pre-VOE was a two-period class that could have been taken either third and fourth periods or sixth and seventh periods. Later as a senior, they were required to only take a one-hour course to complete their training.

Jobs were found for those who were to be in VOE by the VOE teachers. The seniors worked half of their school day at this new found job. Some students even kept this job after their graduation.

Seniors, as well as juniors, attended the regional contest in Big Spring, Texas, February 22-24. Four juniors placed first in their own categories. Karen Burton placed first in Information Communications Level I; Regina Cooley placed first in Prepared Verbal Communications Level I; Pam Copeland placed first in Extemporaneous Speech Level I, and Kelly Jennings placed first in Typing Level I. These four juniors went to state competition in Houston, March 29, 30, 31. Any first or second place winners from state were to attend national competition in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 11-14.

Mrs. Judy Bird served as the Pre-VOE teacher, while Mrs. Ouida Harkey was the VOE teacher.



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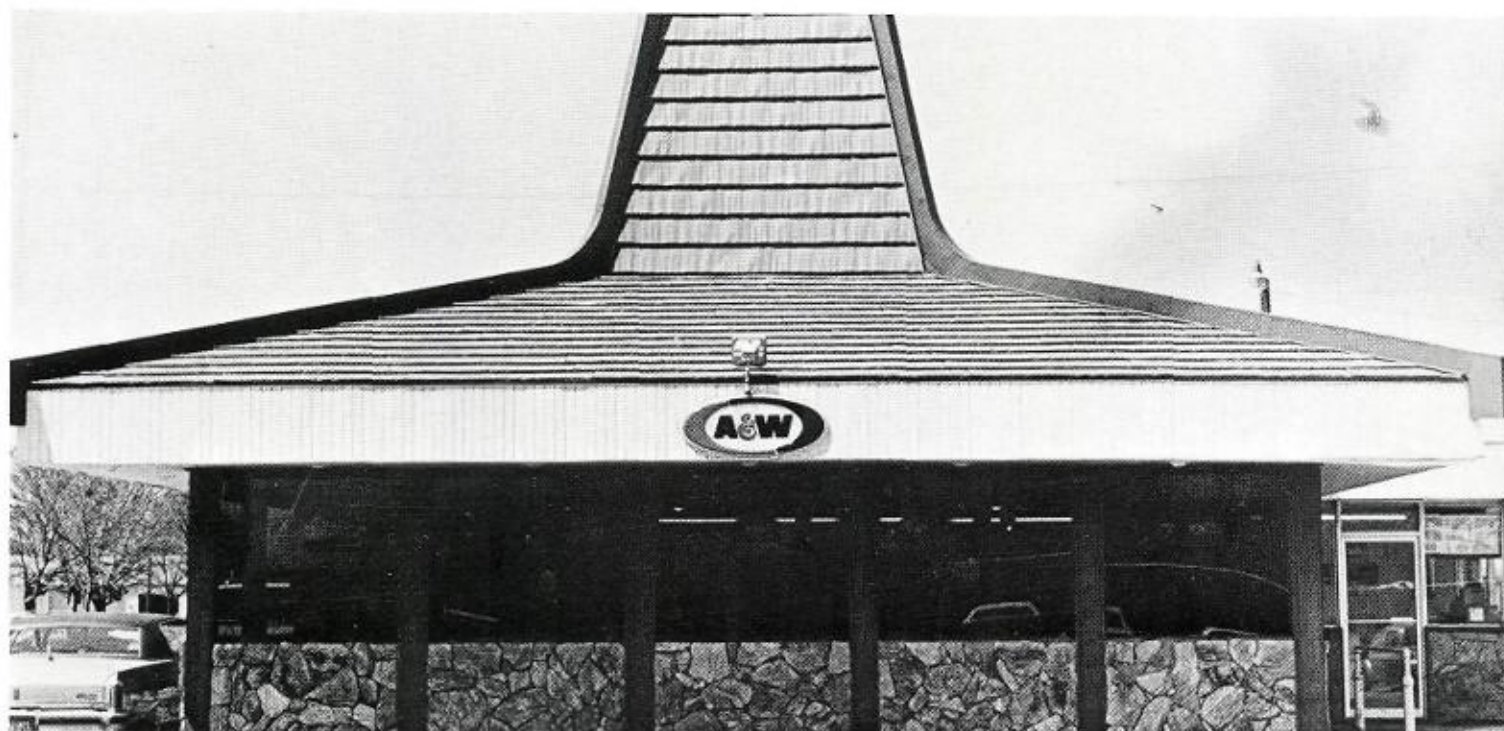
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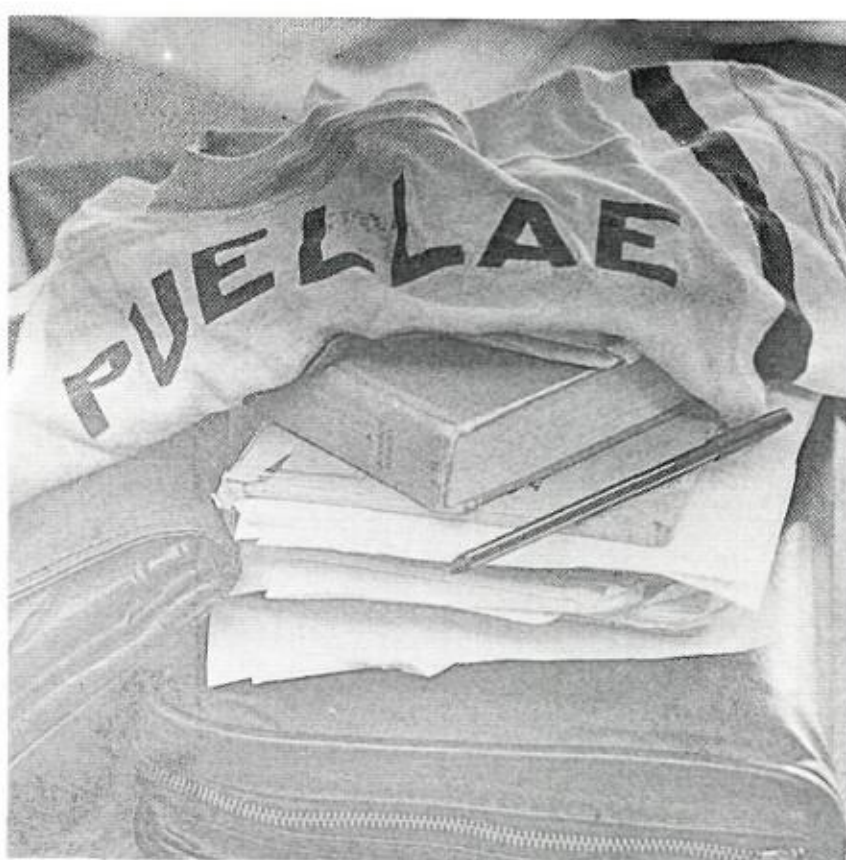
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1. Anna Williams ponders over office procedures.
2. Pleased with her satisfaction Kelly Jennings approves of the vocational courses offered at Abilene High.
3. One of the skills Lori Smith encounters in VOE is rapidly mastered.
4. Reading over directions for stencil typing, Jani Freedman concentrates in an effort to retain the material.
5. Mastering an adding machine, Evette Huber learns the key to knowledge is practice.
6. Overseeing the class, Mrs. Judy Byrd glances upward to answer a question.
7. Facts and figures must correlate as Rhogenia Deatherage assumes responsibility.
8. Displaying plaques won at the district VOE competition are: FRONT ROW: Evette Huber, Kelly Jennings and Karen Burton. BACK ROW: Debra Lewis, Drenda Thomas, Regina Cooley and Pam Copeland.

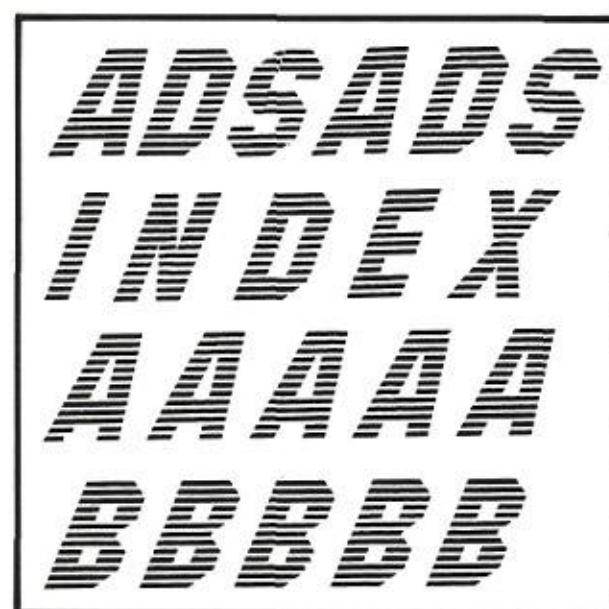
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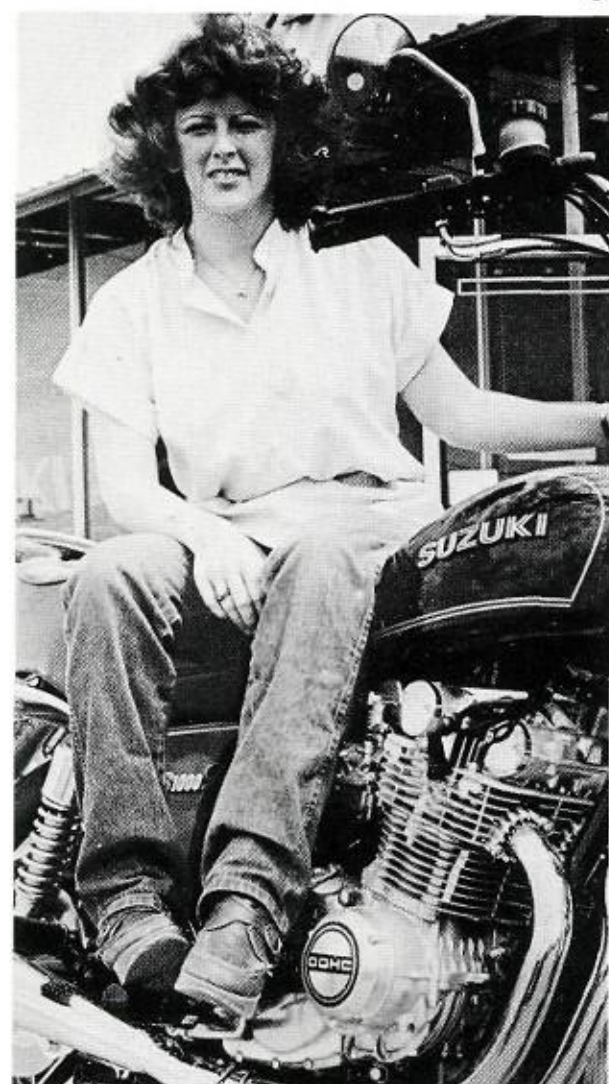
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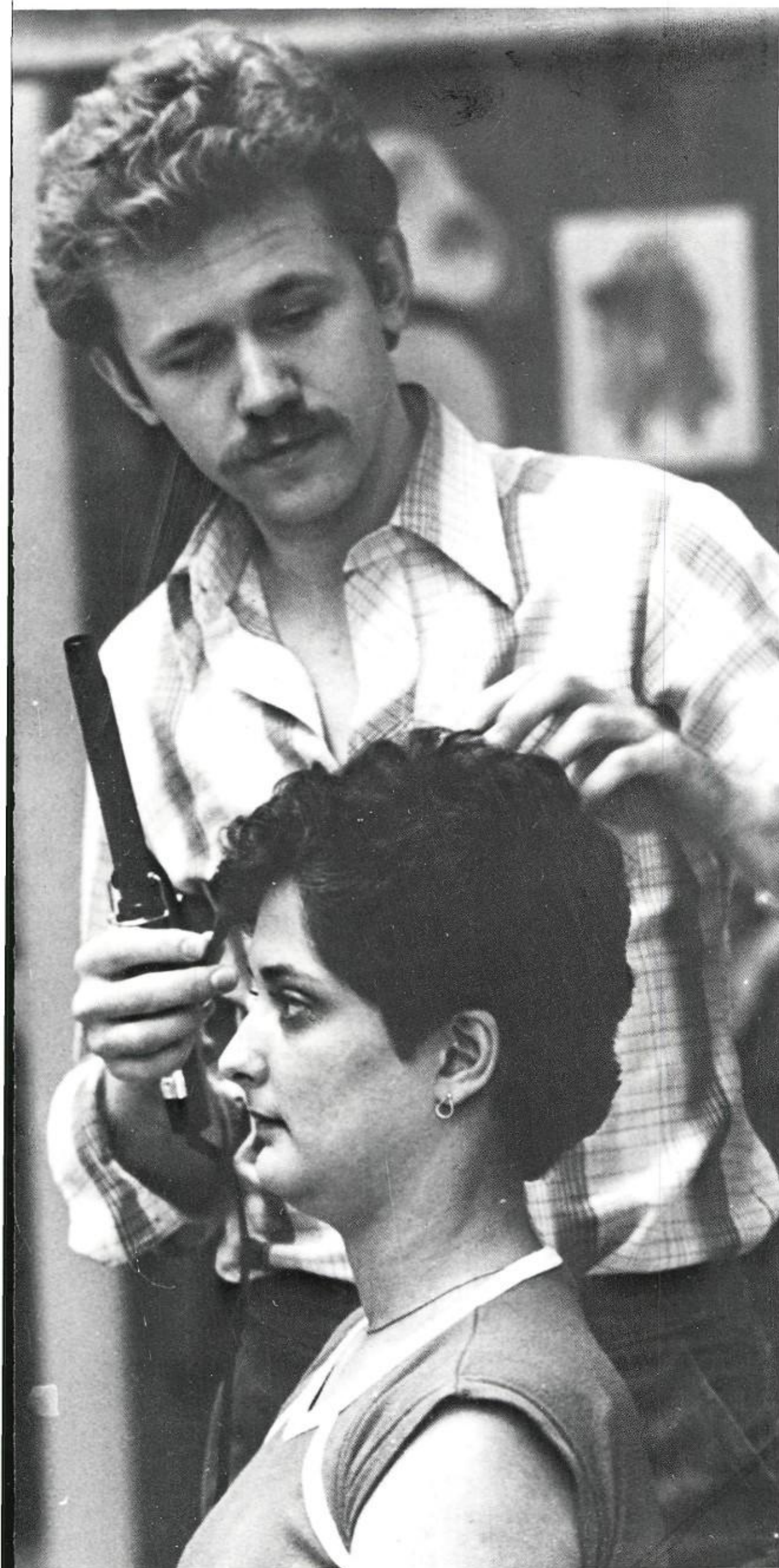
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Harsh realities offer facets of a lifestyle

For the average students, the real world included weekends of Friday night dates, Saturday shopping sprees and an occasional Sunday service when there was no late night Saturday date.

For others, the real world was present with the mark ups, the clearance sales, the close out sales, the shopping centers, supermarkets, gasoline hikes, phone bills, washing and drying, cleaning and cooking. Yet to answer the call of help, the ever constant hint of survival remained—the part-time job.

As prices rose quickly, the minimum wage slowly increased to compensate. Yet, many fell under the curse of too many bills and not enough money.

So, all in all, once again the circle of life played its game. As money was made it was spent, all a part of the real world.

1. Offering a variety of foods to AHS students, A & W appears empty before the noon hour.

2. Combining clubs with classes is an art that students quickly master at Abilene High.

3. Students recognize Abilene businesses as the *Flashlight* recognizes the students.

4. Posing for club group shots allows time for planning as school sponsored clubs provide a unique atmosphere for the halls of AHS.

5. Modes of transportation offer students reasonable means of motion as Lori Ricker chooses a taste for motorcycles.

6. Precision cuts and styles are offered to students by the leaders of fashion hair-styling throughout Abilene.



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Students find mature fashions

Grown-up and fashionable are the looks that catch the Abilene High girl's eye. A wide selection of fashionable clothes are for sale at **Fashion Lane, 3648 N. Sixth**. Sammie Myrick models a suit for the fashion conscious woman.

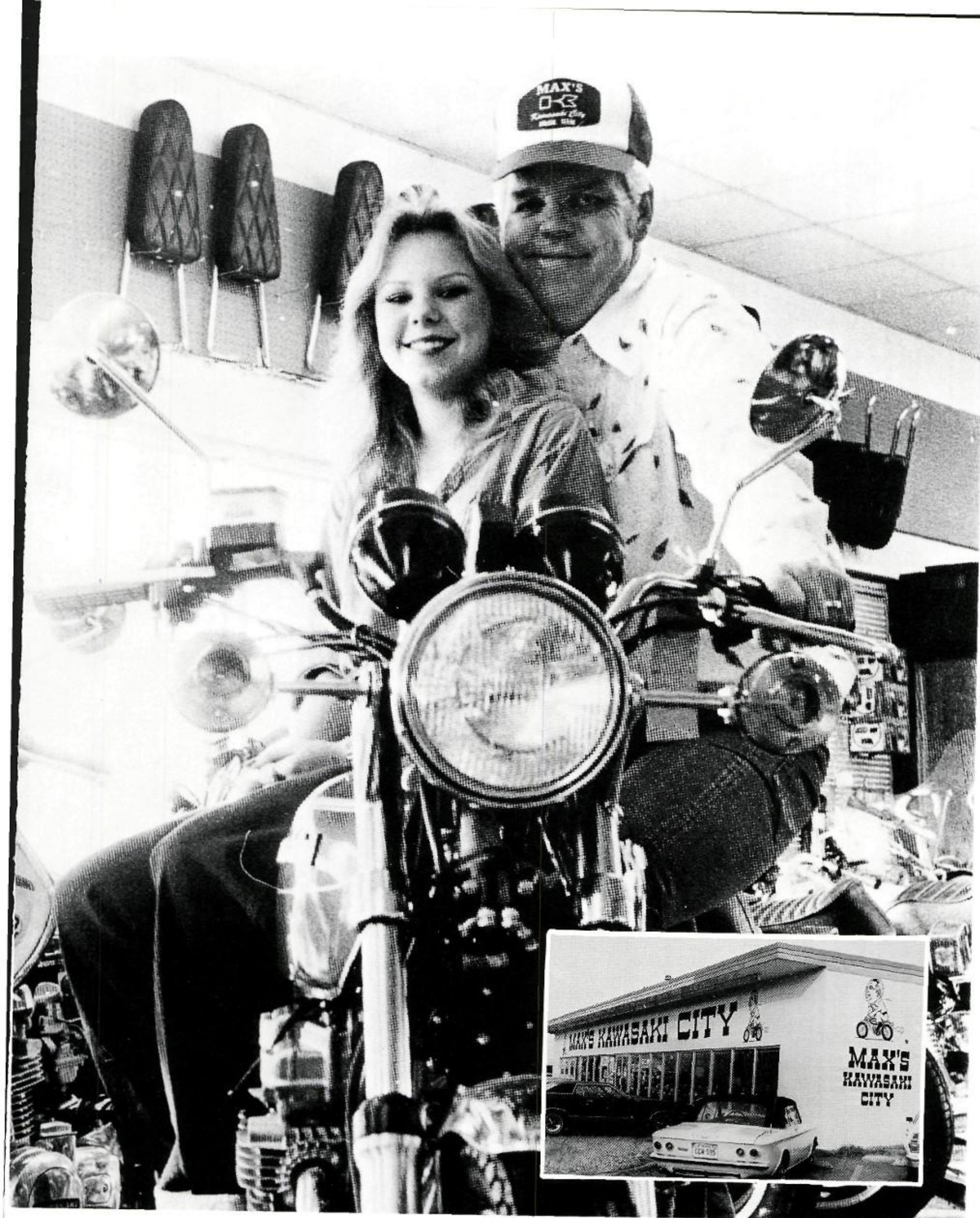
Ida Mae Newton of **Estes House of Fashion** helps Diana Greer select a dress for a night on the town. **Estes House of Fashion**, at **3101 N. 12th**, has an almost limitless supply of beautiful clothes for the mature-minded woman.

Fashionable, mature-looking clothes can be hard to find sometimes. The talented staff at **Grigby's Rag Doll, 718 S. Leggett**, can help find the right clothes. Cindy Guy and Stacy Leeth find an outfit that they like.

Betty White, owner of **Aunt Betty's Rags**, located at **144 Westgate Mall**, shows a stylish dress to Julie Salmon.

Also available to students was the wide selection of unusual toys and gifts available at **Caldwell's Gift Shop**. Linda Montez and Marelyn Bridges, cuddle adorable stuffed animals. Everyone will fall in love with an unusual gift from **Caldwell's Gifts, 1017 N. Mockingbird**.





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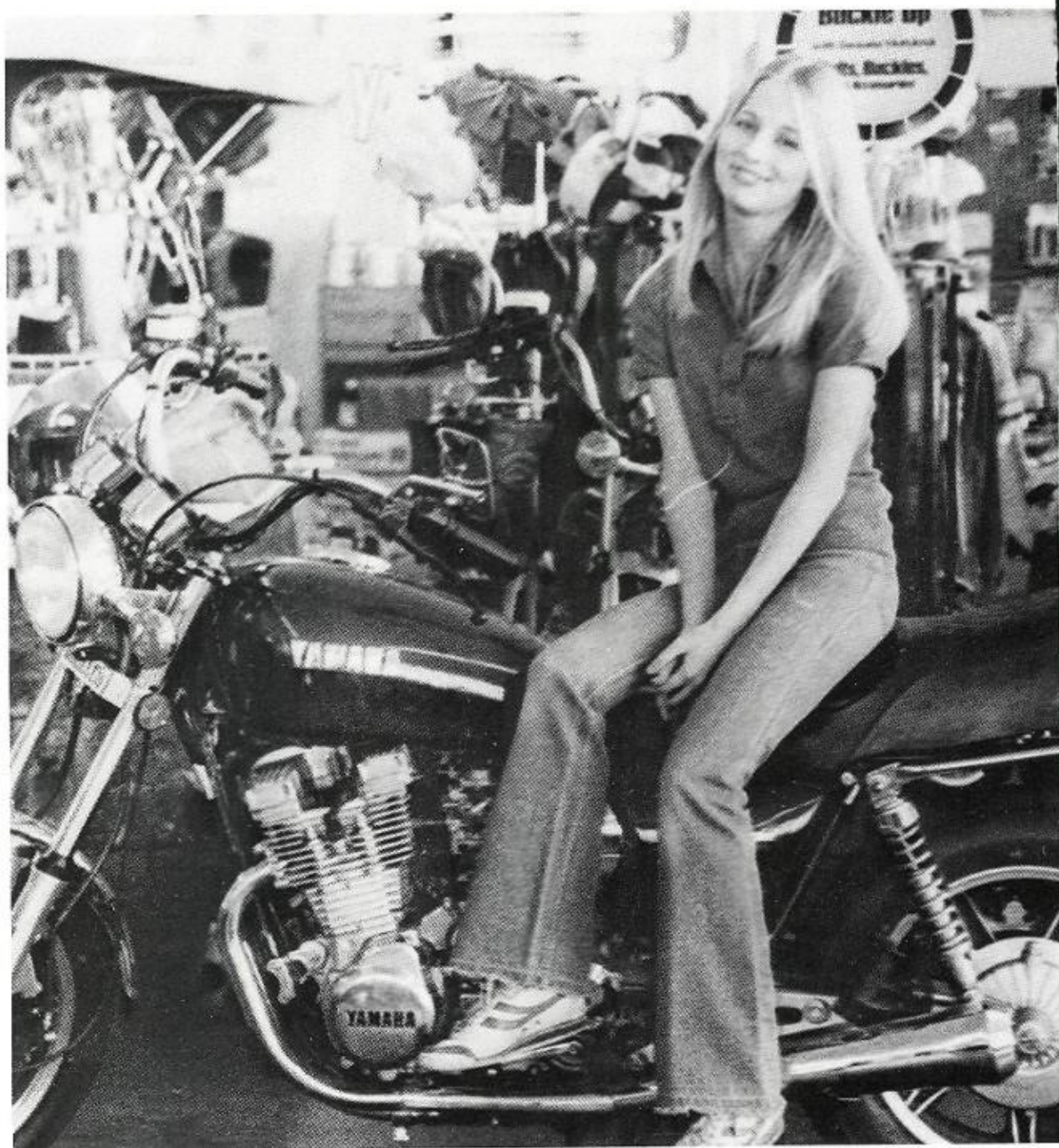
Nights on the town enchant the Eagles

Abilene merchants provide many means of enjoyment. Susan Taylor has found a motorcycle to hot-rod around town. The Yamaha 500 is at **Dalgreen's Yamaha**, 2025 S. 14th.

Martha Pittman selects a gift from **Luskey's Western Store**, 3112 N. First. Luskey's has a wide selection of western clothes and accessories.

Varieties of stylish fashions can be found at **Sears**, 155 Sayles. Jane Reed and Laura Smith try to decide on an outfit.

Shirs-Ect., located at 3517 N. First, has a wide variety of transfers and t-shirts that would make wonderful gifts of fashion.









Students' needs met

Providing students with a variety of gifts, as well as school and business supplies, the **Pender Company** presents years of experience to the customers downtown at 442 Cedar.

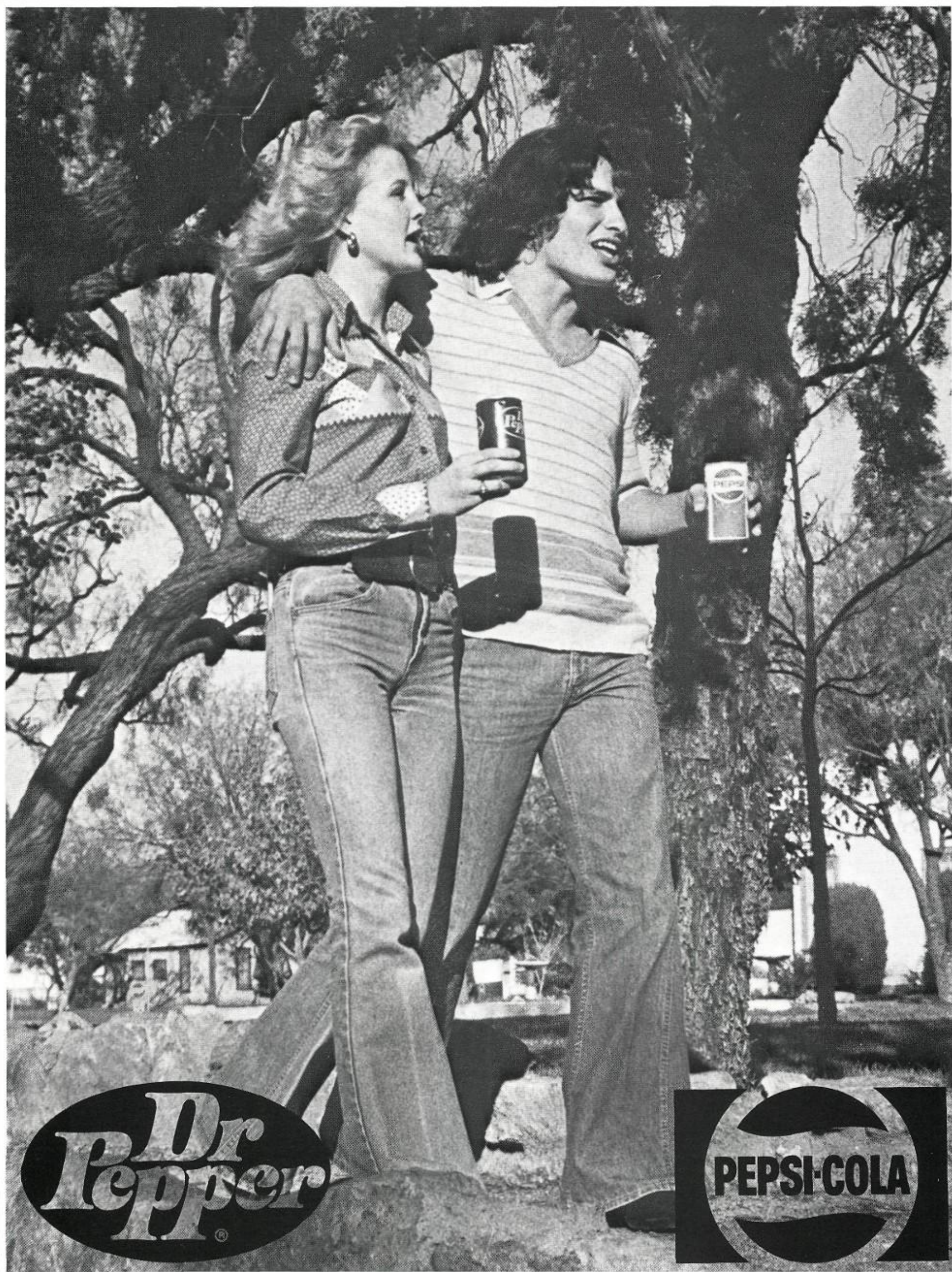
Spending the afternoon shopping, Tracy Hohnson chooses to shop at **S & Q Clothiers** with locations at the **River Oaks Shopping Village** and in the **Mall of Abilene**.

Located at 1649 Pine, the **Scooter Shop** specializes in rebuilding Harley Davidson motorcycles and custom fabrications. The owners Robert Pittman and Bob Terrell invite all students to come and see their wide selections of T-shirts and motorcycles.

Good home-style food and friends make the **Sandwich Shack** located in **Burro Alley** the perfect place for Eagle lunches. Diana Greer and Steve Scales enjoy a coke after school.

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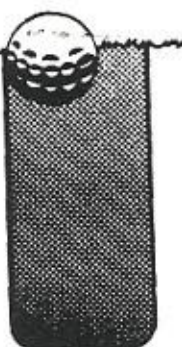


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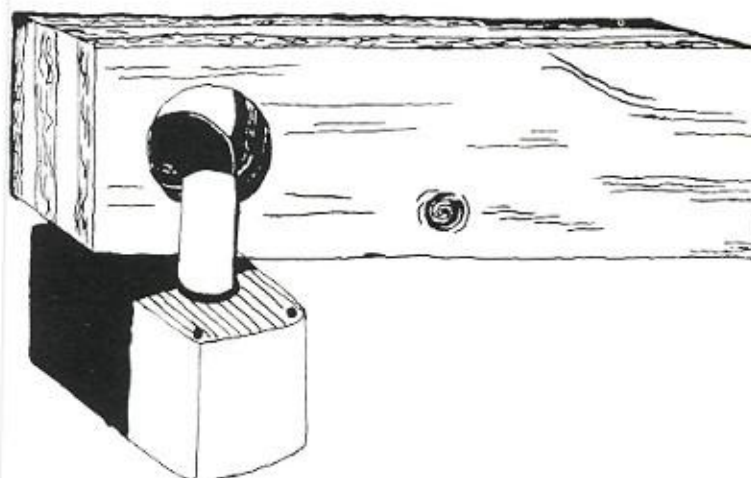
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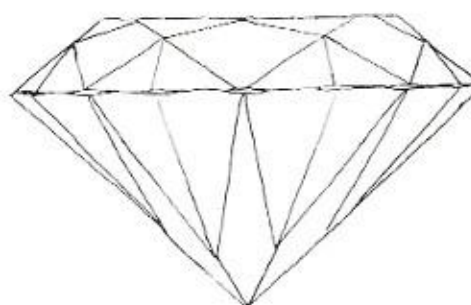
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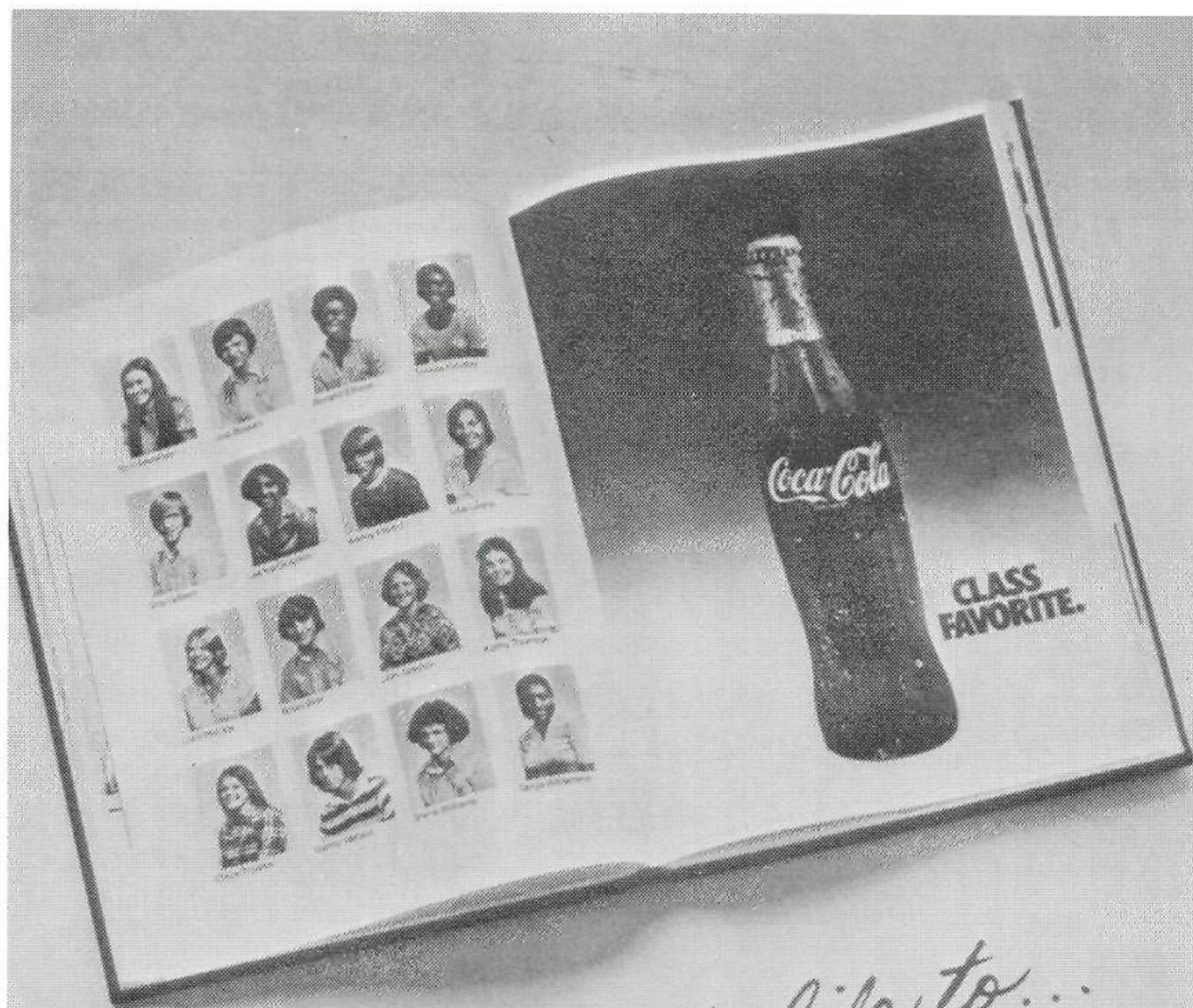
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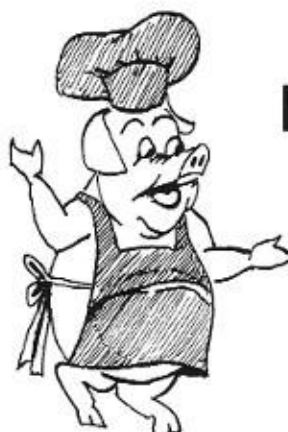
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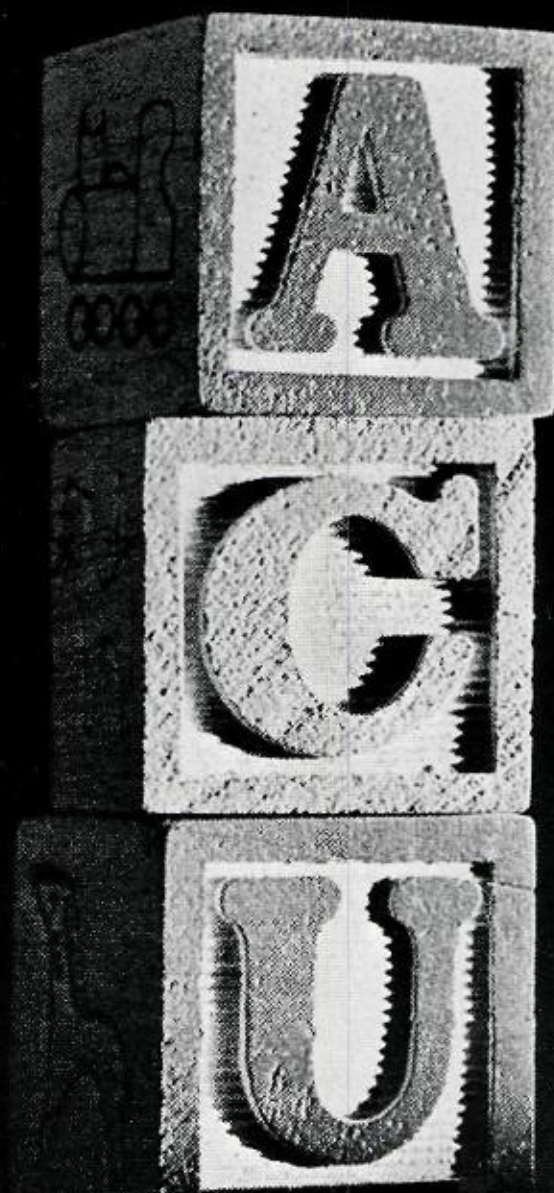
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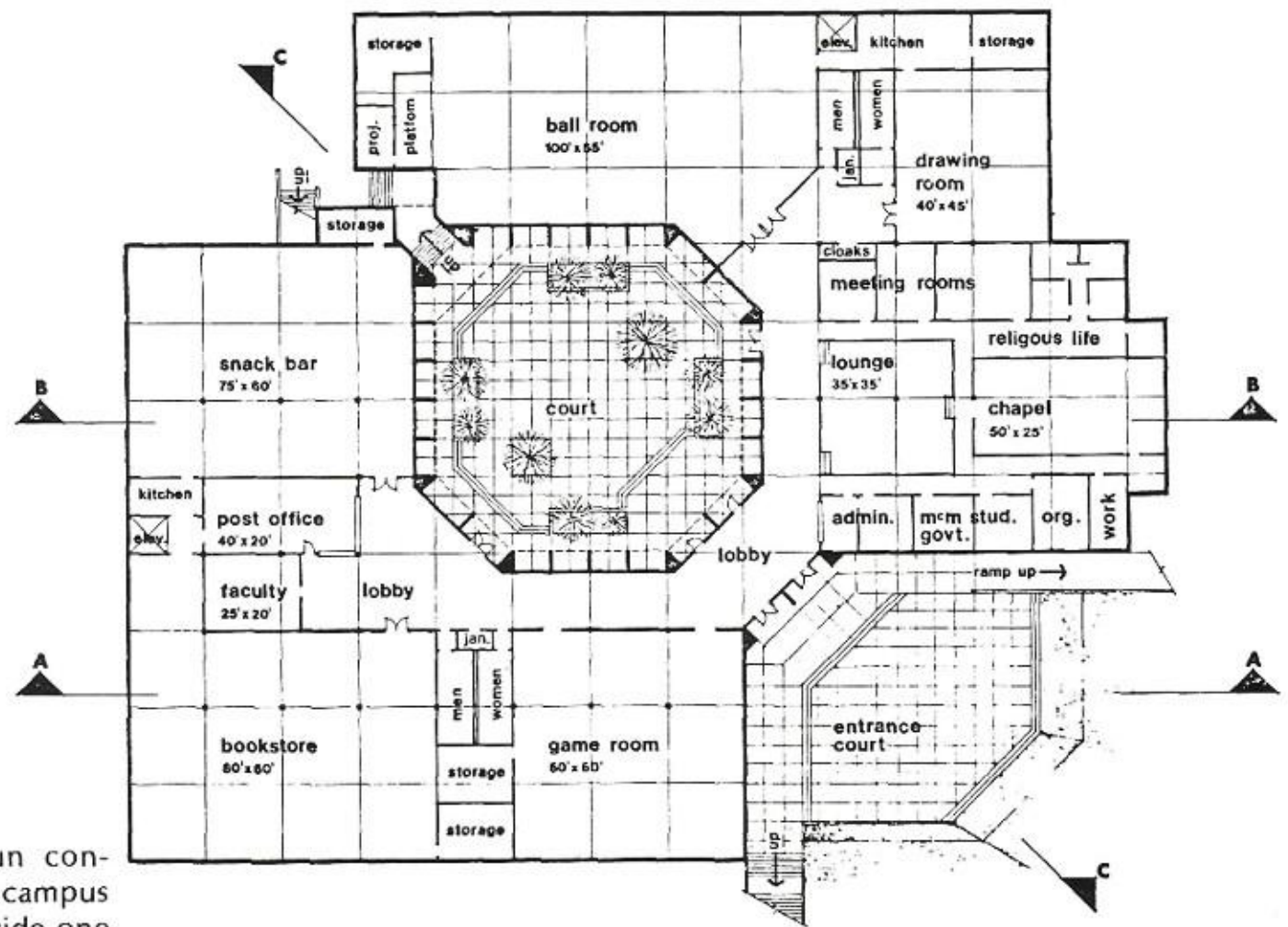


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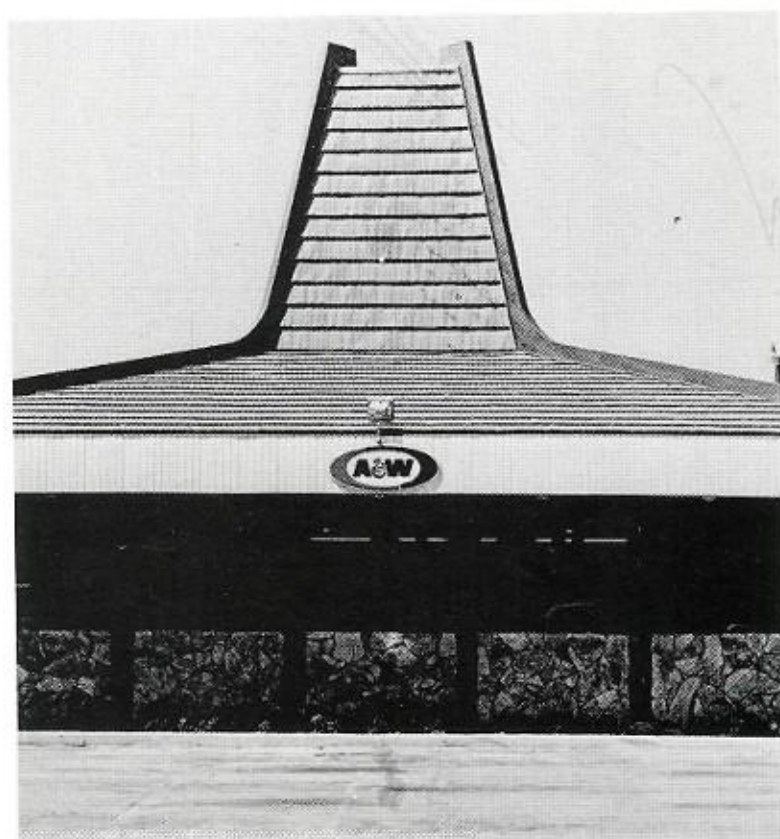
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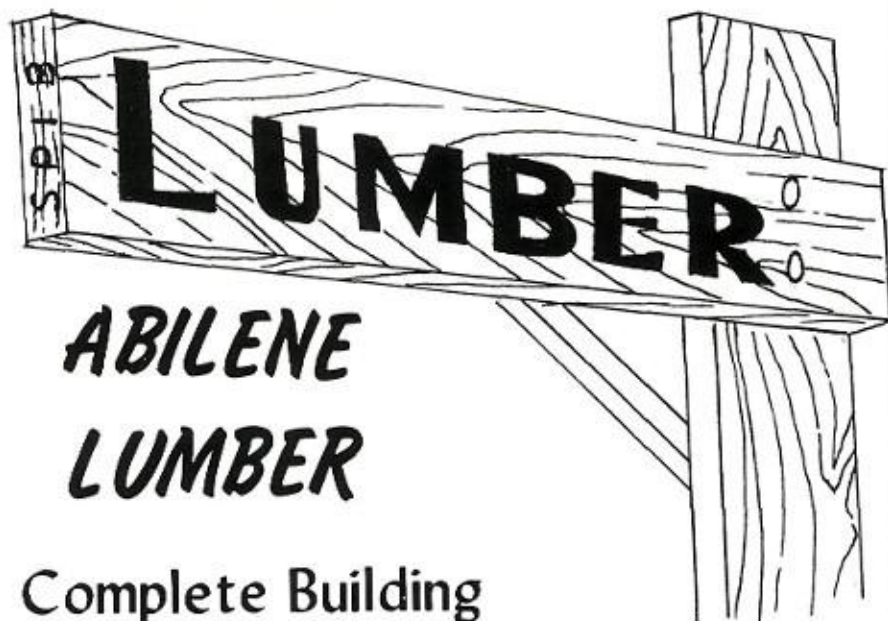
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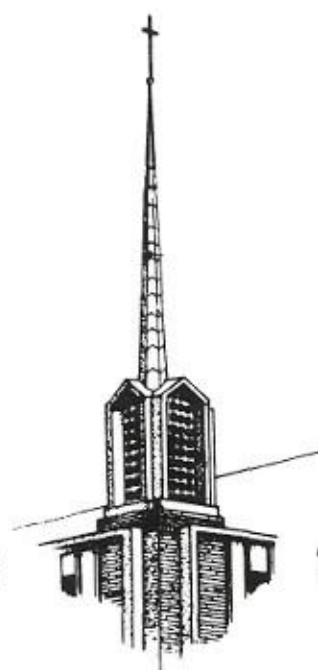
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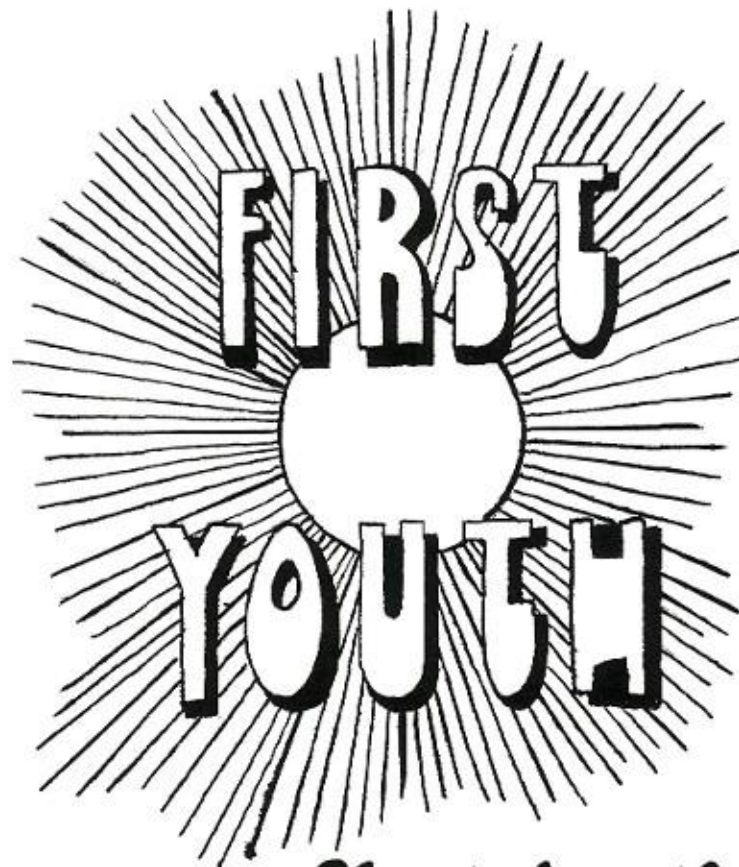
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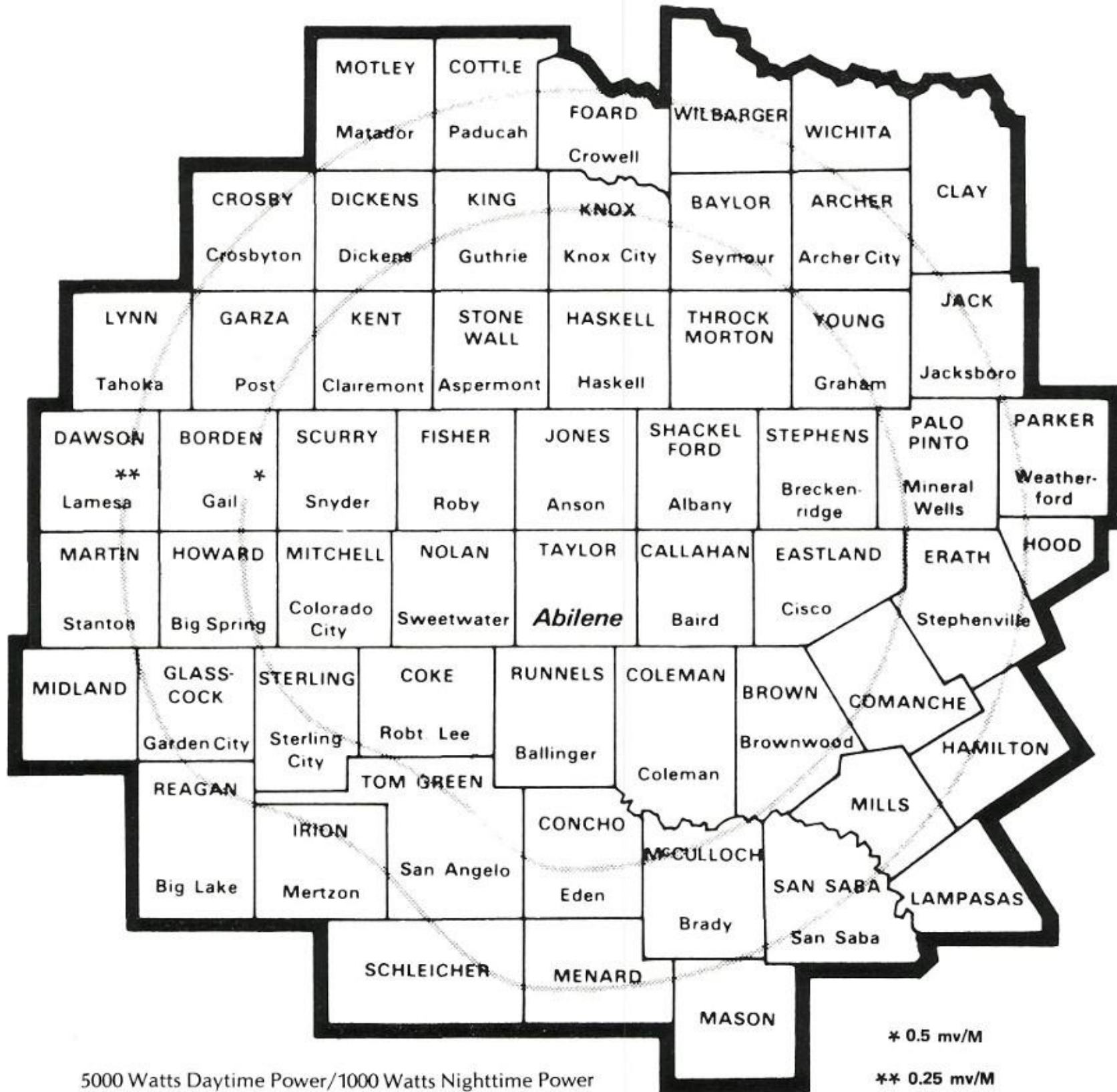
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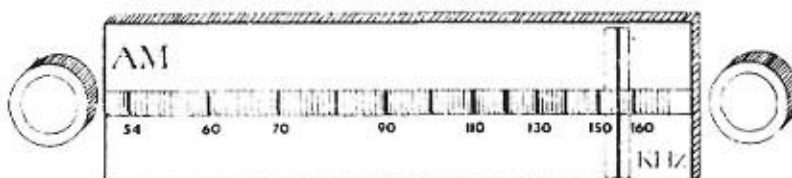


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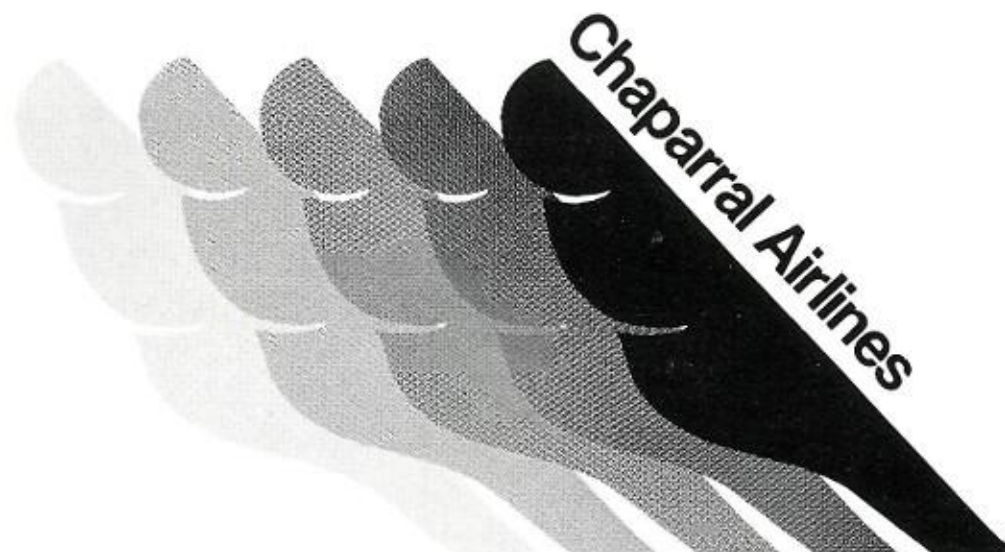
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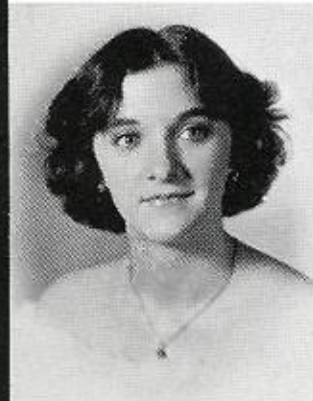
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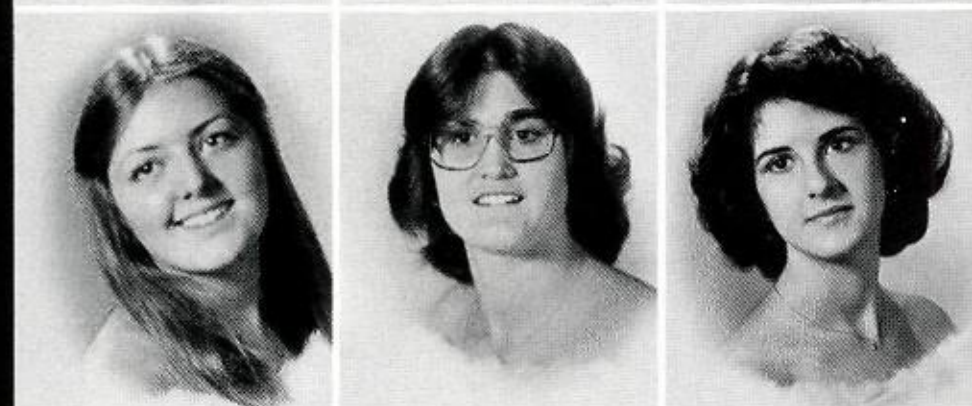
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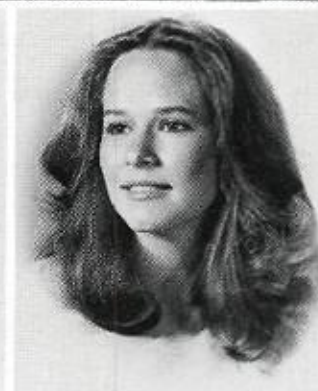


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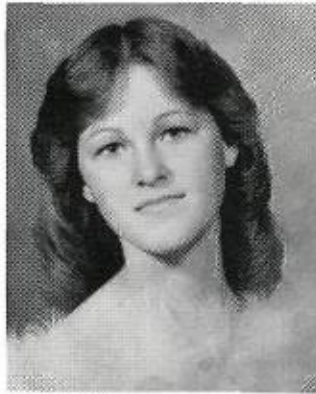
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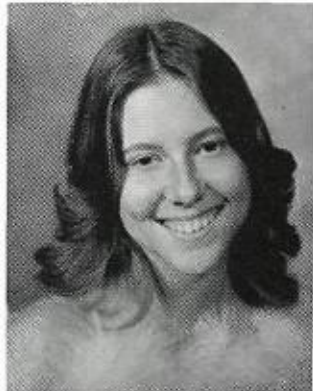
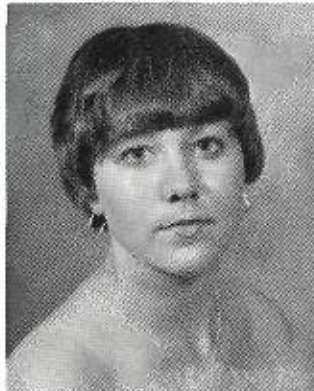
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FHA—Future Homemakers of America
FTA—Future Teachers of America

GWK—General Woodworking
HECE—Home Economics Cooperative Education
HOE—Health Occupations Education
ICT—Industrial Cooperative Training
MAYS—Mexican American Youth for Club
NHS—National Honor Society

OEA—Office Education Association
ROTC—Reserve Officer Training Corps
TAHOS—Texas Association of Health Occupation Students
UIL—University of Interscholastic League
VACO—Vocational Agricultural Co-op

VICA—Vocational Industrial Clubs of America
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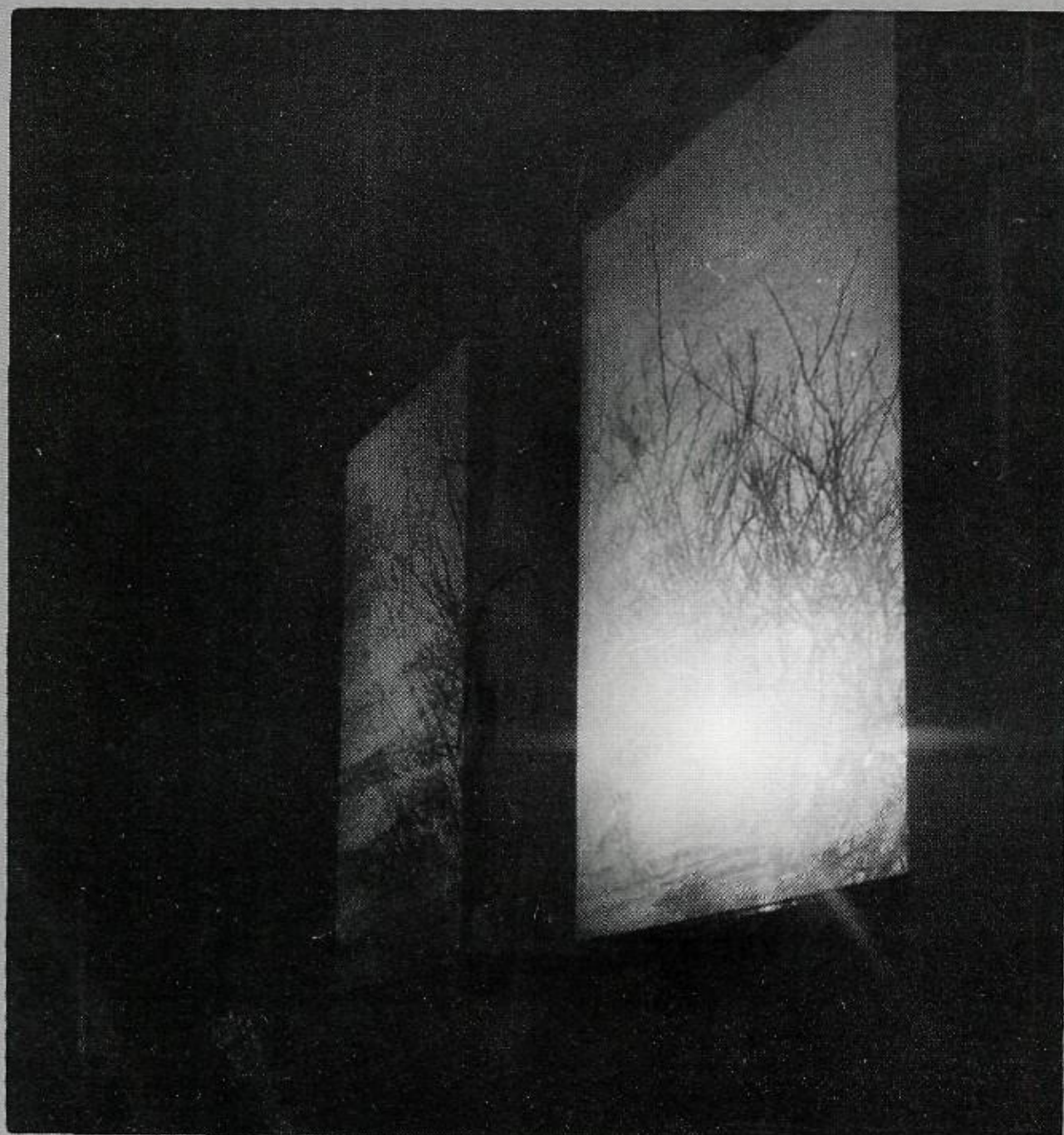


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Educational patterns establish lifestyles

The infamous high school years, developed into a time when aspirations, futures and careers peaked with the onset of graduation representing an ending period of a circle.

Through all facets encountered during three long years as Eagles, students came in contact with life that existed outside the walls of Abilene High as they prepared to enter yet another circle. They were faced with life which existed outside the walls, representing security for the mere penance of study. The realities existed as students came to accept the trials and tribulations of studying while being employees striving to assume monetary responsibility and emotional stability. Along with the acceptance of monetary responsibility came emotional maturity as students stabilized their thoughts in accordance with origin, race, creed, religion, and sex.



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1. The dawn of a day signals the hope of tomorrow.
2. Disregarding rules is a facet of existence of today's society.
3. Refreshing humor from past generations is revived in a pep rally scene as Mr. Wes Odell receives the infamous pie in the face.
4. Broadening horizons in character reversal, Nelson Coates and Regina Ball perform Disco Minute for Senior Follies.
5. Teaching children religious philosophy, Nora Wall relates the stories from the Bible.
6. Mastering the art of survival in the armed forces, Gary Drew drills on the obstacle course at Ft. Sill.
7. Disinterested students appear ready as school policies go back to the basics.

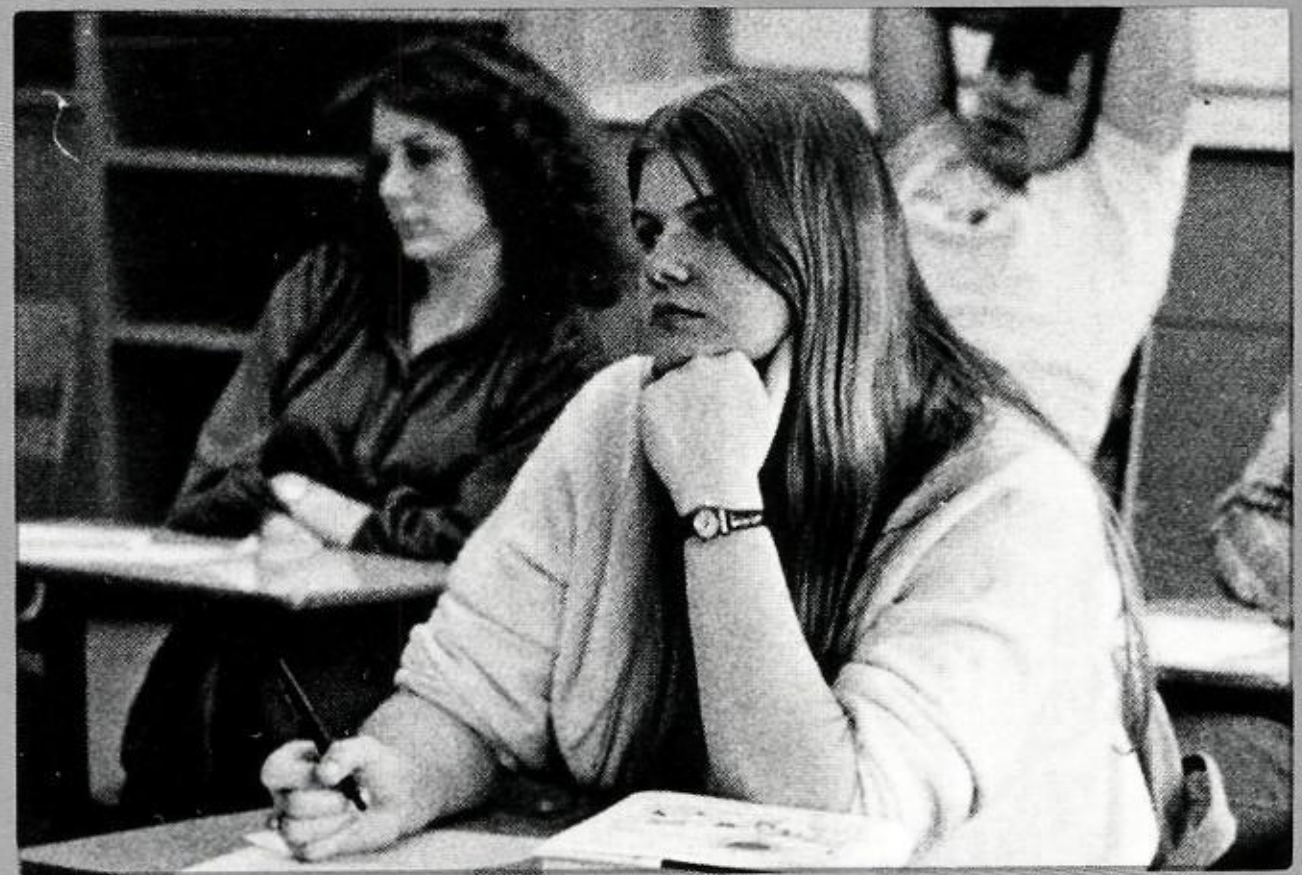
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Students persist in imperfect adult world

Taking on new formats as individuals, students saw the pieces of the puzzle fall slowly and meticulously into place. Experimentations offered to the new found individual the accessibility to drugs, alcohol, religion, discotheques, colleges, universities and other fixations of a constant, yet changing destiny. The opportunities discovered through experiments offered unbiased and factual information from which opinions stemmed and generations formed.

In the accepted rituals of previous generations, the population of Abilene High excelled in academic and extra-curricular activities. Instigation of the infamous senior prom along with challenges of the classes and academic lettering became reality as students banded together to appeal to the young administration. As changes to the structure of Abilene High became increasingly evident, the once inferior youth began the next circle—the ending circle of adulthood.



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1. Escape from the crowded halls offers time for thought as Robby Adkins and Tina Cottrell experience moments alone.
2. Signs of the imperfect world that lay ahead serve as a reminder for the need to improve.
3. Experiencing life as a thrill offers an outlet for emotions for Edward Chapple.
4. Leading others through the infamous senior year, class president Phil Boone learns the meaning of growth through involvement.



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